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Tuscania Archaeology Field School

Introduction and Practical Information



Lorenzo de' Medici will run a four week intensive Archaeology Field School from July 3 through August 2, 2008. The principle goal of this program is to provide students with an opportunity to learn in a real research and excavation environment while gaining a comprehensive understanding of ancient Etruscan culture and archaeological methods.

The Archaeology Field School is a unique opportunity for students to participate in an archaeological excavation as well as to receive undergraduate level coursework at the 2nd and 3rd academic year within the North American system. There are no pre-requisites and no experience of archaeology or knowledge of Italian is expected – only a desire to dig and to learn more about the extraordinary Etruscan civilization of ancient Italy. Principal qualifications include a strong academic record, abundant enthusiasm, and a desire to learn more about archaeology.

At the school's campus in Tuscania and on selected field trips students will explore major features of Etruscan culture and the methodologies utilized in classical archaeology. Participants will play a full role in the excavation of an Etruscan necropolis near Tuscania, currently in phase three of its exploration. Here they will work under professional supervision and in collaboration with students from the University of Florence. By examining material evidence, so abundant in this region,

students will be given the opportunity to learn about the lives of the ancient Etruscans from archaeological evidence and literary sources.

Whether you are a current archaeology or anthropology student or simply someone interested in learning more about the subject, this program will provide an exciting and unique opportunity for a first hand look at archaeological fieldwork.

Price will include

- transfers from and to Rome Leonardo da Vinci (Fiumicino) Airport
- 30 nights in 3 star hotel;
- accommodation in double room with private bathroom;
- daily breakfast in hotel;
- travel connected with course related activities, including transportation from hotel to excavation site;
- course registration/tuition fees;
- lunch while working on-site at the dig;
- once a week "Social and Cultural Event".

An additional cost of approximately 26 Euros, to be paid by participants, is anticipated for museum entrance fees and the course reading packet.

Deadline for applications: May 15th 2008

Physical Demands

As standard procedure with most archaeological excavations, we advise participants to have an up-to-date tetanus inoculation as well as compulsory medical/travel insurance. The schedule will require a combination of strenuous field work, walking during field trips, and classroom study.

While at the archaeological site, field work may necessitate digging, stooping, bending and exposure to sun, wind and/or rain. The program is scheduled during the dry, hot Italian summer. The Lorenzo de' Medici Field School is not recommended to students with allergies to sun and/or dust.

Equipment

For working on the archaeological dig, the following items are recommended.

- Simple, comfortable clothing for working in hot weather
- Comfortable shoes or boots (it is important that your feet and ankles are completely covered)
- Gardening gloves
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- A journal for notes during the excavation

Applications

Prospective applicants may contact LdM Austin at the address below for further details about the program and how to apply.

We will accept a maximum of thirty students and a minimum of eight, with preference given to early applicants.

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"The archaeological dig site in progress, located in the hills of Tuscania, represents an optimum occasion for both meeting and collaboration between the students of Lorenzo de' Medici and those at the University of Florence"

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