



TSU CATALOG FACT SHEET #7a

DEGREE PROGRAMS: COLLEGE OF ARCHAEOLOGY & BIBLICAL HISTORY

COLLEGE OVERVIEW

The TSU College of Archaeology & Biblical History, with its international faculty, awards two degrees: M.A. and Ph.D. The College offers a broad range of courses, and is actively involved in the archaeological community through research and excavation projects in the Near East. It frequently sponsors study tours to Israel and Jordan, and other parts of the Mediterranean world, and also hosts the International Symposium on Archaeology & the Bible. The College cooperates closely with the TSU Museum of Archaeology, through which students are privileged to participate in original research, excavation support and analysis projects, internships and docent activities. The program is also supported by the TSU Archaeology Research Center, which houses objects, samples, and pottery from the Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project in Jordan.

MASTER OF ARTS in ARCHAEOLOGY & BIBLICAL HISTORY

- **Total semester credit hours (SCH):** 48 (including relevant transfer and portfolio credit)
- **Prerequisites:** a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) including 35 SCH general studies (or equivalent)
- **Language requirement:** A good working knowledge of both biblical Hebrew and Greek may be required, depending on the area of concentration.

MAJOR COURSES: (courses are 2 SCH unless specified)

AR517 Near Eastern Archaeology: Background & Methods
AR527 Archaeology & History of Ancient Egypt
AR537 Archaeology & History of Ancient Mesopotamia
AR547 Excavation Practicum & Field School
AR557 Archaeology of the New Testament
AR617 Historical Geography of Bible Lands
AR627 Archaeology & the Bible: Historical & Cultural Synchronisms
AR637 Languages & Cultures of the Ancient Near East
AR647 Levantine Ceramic Typology
AR657 Archaeological Field Methods
AR667 Archaeological Laboratory
AR677 Evolution of Warfare & Fortification Systems in the Ancient Near East
AR687 Bronze Age & Biblical History
AR697 Iron Age & Biblical History
OT681 Thinking Critically about the Old Testament (3 SCH)
NT682 Thinking Critically about the New Testament (3 SCH)

ELECTIVE COURSES: (all AR courses are 2 SCH; courses may also be selected from other TSU Colleges)

AR558 Archaeology & History of the Jerusalem Area
AR559 Archaeology & History of the Jerusalem Temple
DM670 Archaeological Videography & Photography



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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY in ARCHAEOLOGY & BIBLICAL HISTORY

- **Total semester credit hours (SCH):** 45 (including relevant transfer and portfolio credit)
- **Prerequisites:** a relevant master's degree (or equivalent), including all the courses listed in the archaeology MA track
- **Language requirement:** A good working knowledge of both biblical Hebrew and Greek is recommended, and may be required in some cases, depending on the area of concentration. At least two additional ancient Near Eastern language courses (or equivalent) is recommended, and may be required in some cases, depending on the area of concentration.

SECTION ONE: (16 SCH)

The student will complete eight of the following for a total of 16 SCH:

- AR817 Workshop: Ceramic Sorting: Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project (2 SCH)
- AR827 Workshop: Advanced Ceramic Typology (2 SCH)
- AR837 Workshop: Archaeological Drawing Techniques (2 SCH)
- AR847 Workshop: Architectural Reconstruction Drawing in Archaeology (2 SCH)
- AR917 Laboratory: Floatation Sample Analysis (2 SCH)
- AR927 Laboratory: Faunal and Human Bone Analysis (2 SCH)
- AR937 Laboratory: Object and Ceramic Conservation (2 SCH)
- AR947 Independent Study: tbd (2 SCH)
- AR948 Independent Study: tbd (2 SCH)

SECTION TWO: (14 SCH)

The student will complete the following for a total of 14 SCH:

- AR1051, AR1052, AR1053, AR1054, AR1055, AR1056, AR1057
Archaeological Fieldwork & Methods (2 SCH each)

SECTION THREE: (15 SCH)

- AR985 Dissertation: Writing, Defense, & Publication