

# ARCHAEOLOGY - UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

The Undergraduate Minor in Archaeology is an interdisciplinary program through which students develop a deeper understanding of global culture change and the long-term anthropogenic impacts to our planet. Archaeologists use the material evidence of landscapes, sites, and artifacts to reconstruct past lifeways and interpret human behavioral variation and cultural change. They apply their knowledge to promote stewardship of cultural resources and respect for diverse pasts. The minor offers students the opportunity to acquire training in archaeology through experiential learning of field data collection techniques, laboratory analysis of archaeological materials, and cross disciplinary skills needed for careers in cultural resource management (CRM), historic preservation, and heritage conservation.

The minor requires 18 credit hours, distributed as follows.

- At least 12 credits must be earned in upper division (300+) courses.
- At least one course and no more than two courses (6 credits) must be earned in a field other than Anthropology.
- In addition to the required core class, students must earn at least 6 credits in Archaeology Area Studies and at least 6 credits in Archaeology Field/Lab Methods.

Prefix	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		<b>18</b>
ANTH 315	Archaeological Method and Theory (required Archaeological Method & Theory course)	
<i>Select 6-9 credits in Archaeology Area Studies from the following:</i>		
ANTH 1160G	World Archaeology	
HNRS 2172G	Archaeology: Search for the Past	
ANTH 312	The Ancient Maya	
ANTH 313V	Ancient Mexico	
ANTH 318	Historical Archaeology	
ANTH 414	Archaeology of Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion	
ANTH 463	Cultural Resource Management I	
ANTH 467	Archaeology of Ancient Southwest	
HIST 371	Ancient Greece	
HIST 372	The Roman World	
<i>Select 6-9 credits in Archaeology Field/Lab Methods from the following:</i>		
ANTH 388	Archaeological Field School	
or ANTH 488	Advanced Archaeological Field School	
ANTH 389	Archaeological Mapping	
ANTH 375	Pottery Analysis in Archaeology	
ANTH 376	Lithic Technology Organization	
ANTH 378	Lab Methods in Archaeology	
ANTH 464	Curation Crisis in Archaeology	
ANTH 474	Human Osteology	
ANTH 477	Zooarchaeology	
GEOG 353	Geomorphology	
GEOG 381	Cartography and GIS	
GEOL 1110G	Physical Geology	
GEOL 1150	Introduction to Rocks and Minerals (pre/co-requisite GEOL 1110G)	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

## Notes:

- Students who earn a B.A. in Anthropology may also earn a minor in Archaeology.
- Students earning the minor must pass 18 credits with grades of C- or higher.
- Students may count S grades only in courses in which all grades are S/U.
- Alternate courses may be substituted with approval of the Anthropology Department Head.
- Students who wish to work professionally in archaeology are encouraged to take an archaeological field school, as this training is required by most employers. The NMSU summer field school (ANTH 388/488), like most field training programs, requires student to apply for admission. Applications are typically due in mid-March. Information is available on our field school website: <https://anthropology.nmsu.edu/projects/field-school.html>.