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PROJECT

Archaeological Field School at Mycenaean Sites in Greece

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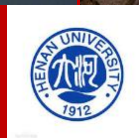
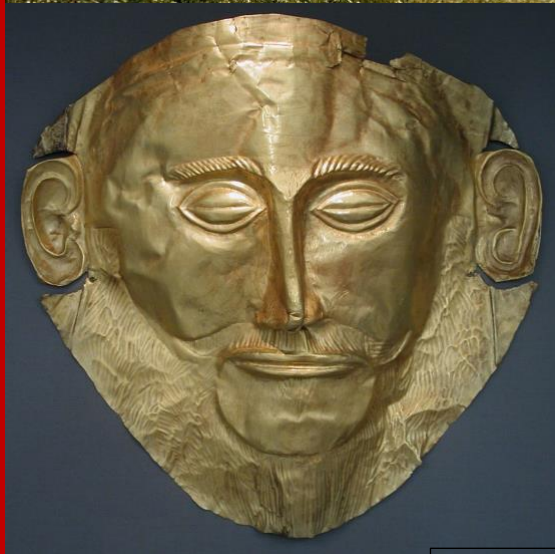
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Henan University's Research Centre for Hellenic Civilization has an exciting opportunity for Chinese students who are interested in Greek archaeology and history to participate. We have organized for students from China to participate for the first time in archaeological fieldwork in Greece. The field school takes place at famous Mycenaean sites, such as Mycenae. If you are interested or have any questions, please keep reading and send us the form below filled out to the following address: shap@henu.edu.cn.

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Henan University Research Center for Hellenic Civilization is a pioneering project in China for the studies in Greek Archaeology. It was established in 2017 with the help of Greek academics and universities at Henan University. It focuses on the teaching, studying, and research of ancient Greek archaeology and history. It offers the chance for Chinese students to study in Greece. Now we have an agreement with the Mycenaean Foundation for a handful of excellent students studying ancient Greece to take part in archaeological training and work in Greece. This is a unique opportunity.

河南大学的希腊文明研究中心是一个专注于希腊考古研究的开创性项目。2017年, 在多位希腊学者的大力支持下, 河南大学成立了希腊文明研究中心。该中心专注于古希腊考古和历史的授课, 学习, 以及研究。我们也为中国学生提供在希腊学习的机会。近期, 希腊文明研究中心和迈锡尼基金会达成合作意向, 将为优秀的中国学生提供来希腊参加实地考古训练, 工作以及研究古希腊独一无二的机会。

We offer two courses. There are about 15 places available for each. You can apply for one or both. Those who apply for both will be given priority.

该项目提供两个课程, 各计划招收 15 个中国学生, 申请者可以同时申请两个项目, 同时申请者则享受优先考虑。

SUBMISSION OF INTEREST BY **FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

申请截止日期: **2021 年 2 月 1 日**

PLEASE SEND THE FILLED OUT FORM AT THE END INTEREST TO ONE OF THESE ADDRESSES:

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COURSE 1: "Maymester", intensive 3-week course at Mycenae offered by the University of South Carolina

COURSE 2: Field School, excavation at Lamia, Mycenaean Site

MAYMESTER 2021 (OFFERED AS SCHEDULED)

The total cost for the "Maymester" 2021 (May 10-30) program is \$4,500.

"Maymester" = May Semester

Fee Includes

- tuition fees for one (1) course accredited by the University of South Carolina,
- a second non-credit course at no extra charge (TOUR 101),
- housing at Nafplion or Argos, Greece
- local transportation to/from the Melathron campus, Mycenae, Greece
- faculty-led group excursions, special events, health insurance, and administrative fees.

- Each course is equivalent to 3 credits (45+ meeting hours).
- Students must take at least one course (3 credits) during the Maymester.

Optional costs: students may elect to take a second course for credit (3 credits) at the extra cost of \$500 (for TOUR 101) or \$1,000 (for any other offered course). A main meal packages (M-F) is available at an extra cost of \$300.

Excluded costs: international travel to/from Greece, personal travel or incidental expenses are the students' responsibility.

The program fees do not include: Education Abroad Application Fee, roundtrip airfare, personal expenses, meals, VISA

APPLICATION

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Program Description

The program is located at the legendary site of ancient Mycenae and the beautiful town of Nafplion, Greece in May. Although the focus is on archaeology, interdisciplinary academic courses about art, geology, architecture, cultural heritage, and more are offered. There is a state-of-the-art outdoor simulator and an open-air theatrical area where some classes may be held. Classes will be taught in English by American and Greek professors.

Current Courses on offer:

Field Archaeology I

This course focuses on archaeological field and laboratory methods through readings, lectures, and mainly hands-on experiences (dig simulator) and the data these practices generate. The course will cover the essential field methods employed in archaeological survey (ground, aerial, geophysical), excavation, restoration/conservation. This will include the fundamentals of documentation including note taking, drawing, photography, and map-making.

Field Archaeology II (Virtual Field School)

(Maymester 2021) This is a groundbreaking virtual field school course, designed on an innovative model of 'poly-dimensional' pedagogy that conglomerates diverse, complementing and mutually reinforcing educational, research, and experiential components to emulate the learning experiences of actual field training and the dynamics of a vigorous study abroad program.

Landscape Drawing & Painting (offered as actual and virtual course)

(Maymester 2021) Landscape drawing and painting, integrating architectural and natural settings, aims to inspire students from the unique amalgam of culture and nature in Greece. The rich architectural history of Greece comprises a great variety of architectural orders, forms, styles, material and techniques from antiquity to modernity, from prehistoric times and the classical age, the later antiquity of the Roman and Byzantine periods to the medieval centuries of Venetian, Frankish, Ottoman conquest, and the recent Neoclassical Greek tradition.

Ancient Greek Art and Archaeology (offered as actual and virtual course)

(Maymester 2021) This online course is a general introduction to the art and archaeology of ancient Greece from Prehistoric to Hellenistic times, including prehistoric Aegean civilizations (Minoan Crete





and Mycenaean Greece), Early, Archaic and Classical Greece, and the Hellenistic world. We will survey Greek architecture (temple, secular, funerary), sculpture, vase painting, monumental painting, metalwork, and minor arts of these periods, both on mainland Greece and in the Greek colonies (Asia Minor, Pontus, Cyprus, Syria/Levant, Egypt, S. Italy and Sicily).

Ancient Greek Tragedy: Antigone by Sophocles - text, context, and performance

(Maymester 2021) This course attempts an innovative, holistic and interdisciplinary approach to ancient Greek literature by integrating classics, archaeology, and theatrical studies. The students will be initiated to the dramatic plot of "Antigone", the famous dramatic play of Sophocles, through textual analysis (from translation), contextual synthesis of the particular historical/political circumstances and the archaeological/architectural setting of the play (ancient Greek theater, Dionysia festival), and ultimately through the unique experience of staging and performing.

Intensive Modern Greek I

(Maymester 2021) This is an accelerated, intensive, specialized and targeted course, aiming at preparing entering students for the semester abroad program at the American Center for Archaeology at Mycenae, Greece. The goals are to prepare students to communicate in Modern Greek at a basic level while living and studying in Greece and to enhance their experience with the local people and culture.

Information Science

(Maymester 2021) This course examines the vast and varied field of information science through readings, lectures, and hands on activities, and introduces archaeologists to the application of its theories and methods using both U.S. and International Standards. Students will be exposed to a variety of topics related to information and data. Through hands on activities using real information and situations, they will develop skills which are highly valued in the professional world.

Archaeological Field Trips

(Maymester 2021) This is a unique course taught on-site during faculty-led weekend field trips to various archaeological sites, historical landscapes and museums in Greece. This course aims to familiarize the students with key ancient cities, monuments, masterpieces of art, and the history of ancient Greece. Field trips may include Athens, Olympia, Delphi, Pylos, Corinth, Tiryns, Nafplio, Argos, Epidaurus, Sparta-Mystras, Monemvasia, Hydra-Spetses).

One course is included in the cost, as well as a TOUR excursion course. TOUR for credit will be \$500 more. A second content course can be added for \$1,000. Main meal package can be added for \$300.





MY.SPE.AR. PROJECT - JUNE 2021 - FIELD SCHOOL

Type: **archaeological fieldwork (Mycenaean & Classical archaeology)**

Duration: **Sunday, May 31 - Tuesday, June 29, 2021 (4.5 weeks)**

Location: **Spercheios Valley & Lamia, Greece**

Accreditation: **6-7 ECTS (equivalent to 3 US credits) or Fieldwork Certificate (Univ. of Peloponnese)**

Total cost: **\$4,950 (academic credit or fieldwork certificate)**

Included in comprehensive fee: **tuition fee, academic accreditation/transcript or fieldwork certificate, full room, partial board, all local transportation, group excursions, museum/site entrance fees**

Not included in comprehensive fee: **international flight to/from Greece and incidental personal expenses, VISA**

Spaces: 10-15 spaces reserved for Chinese students from all over China through Henan University's Research Center for Hellenic Civilization.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Mycenaean Foundation in collaboration with the Department of History, Archeology and Cultural Resources Management of the University of Peloponnese offer to motivated students from around the world the unique opportunity to participate in the archaeological excavation, survey, and field research of the region of the Spercheios River valley in Greece, associated in Greek mythology with the legendary kingdom of Achilles, and receive top practical training through the MY.SPE.AR. field school.





During field campaigns the students will be trained as trench assistants by experienced field archaeologists in excavation, sifting and flotation, data collection and recording, study/cataloguing of artifacts/ecofacts, museum research, archaeological and geophysical survey (aided by remote sensing devices and techniques). The field school program also includes field trips to museums and archaeological sites in Athens, mainland Greece and select Greek islands, designed to offer the students hands-on experience and a deeper understanding of Prehistoric Aegean and Classical art and archaeology, and the opportunity to immerse in modern Greek culture and language.

In June 2021, the Mycenaean Spercheios Valley Archaeological (MY.SPE.AR) Project (4th campaign) will run for four and a half weeks and will involve targeted excavation (test pits) on the acropolis of Lamia, regional archaeological survey of the Spercheios Valley, aerial reconnaissance (drone), geophysical survey (Electrical Resistivity Tomography, Ground Penetrating Radar, Magnetometry).

Participants may enroll either for academic credit or fieldwork certificate (University of Peloponnese). Successful completion of the field school will earn 6-7 ECTS (equivalent to 3 US credits), which may be transferred to other academic institutions.

For the 2021 campaign, positions are open to up to 15 students from China as an agreement with Henan University's Research Centre for Hellenic Civilization.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE:

Orientation sessions are scheduled in the spring semester of 2021 (including assigned readings).

During excavation, digging is conducted Monday through Friday, from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm, with a lunch break at noon; in the afternoon (5:15-6:00 pm) the excavation staff is briefed by the sector supervisors and trench masters on the results and finds of the day, and the program field director assigns tasks and gives detailed directions for the following day (weekends may be used for dig preparation, if necessary). Excavation is hard, physical work, requiring also high-level concentration, and involving multiple tasks (including supervising the workmen, keeping a detailed daily journal, describing, measuring, recording, labeling, drawing, photographing the archaeological finds and contexts, sifting, transporting, storing and cataloguing the finds) and students should be well prepared and trained for it.

Organized excursions and field trips will be scheduled on weekends (or on days of inclement weather preventing digging/surveying) to museums and archaeological sites; field trips locations may include Athens, Thessaloniki, Pella, Vergina, Nafplio, Argos, Mycenae, Tiryns, Corinth, Epidaurus, Pylos, Olympia, Delphi, Thebes, Glas, Meteora, Mystras, Monemvasia, and select Greek islands.

LOCATION AND ON-SITE ADMINISTRATION





The city of Lamia and the Spercheios River Valley are located at a distance of 220 km (two-hour drive) to the north of Athens (the capital city of Greece) and the international airport "Eleftherios Venizelos."

Student accommodation will include, if possible, double-occupancy hotel rooms at Lamia (with private bathroom, balcony, air-condition, TV/wi-fi). Transportation to/from the airport, to/from archaeological site, and for group excursions/field trips is provided by the program (by mini-bus). Dinner is served in designated local restaurants.

The director and assistant archaeologists are on-site throughout the campaign season, and have made arrangements with local liaisons in case of emergencies. The director, senior staff, and the students can be reached by phone or e-mail. The city of Lamia is served by a state hospital and private clinics.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:

Academic requirements are listed in the A.I.A. Fieldwork Opportunities Bulletin. The successful applicants will be assigned readings on Mycenae during the orientation sessions in the spring semester prior to the commencement of the field campaign.

Certain eligibility criteria may be waived and equivalency of prerequisites is determined at the discretion of the program director.

COSTS

The comprehensive program fee is set at \$4,950. This comprehensive fee covers tuition, academic accreditation and transcript, room, partial board (breakfast and dinner during weekdays M-F), International Students Insurance, all local transportation, group excursions, museum/site entrance fees. International flight to/from Greece and incidental personal expenses, VISA, are not covered by the field school program.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The region of the Spercheios valley in central Greece features certain environmental, geomorphological, agrarian, and geopolitical parameters that, if considered collectively, may be construed as diagnostic formative elements of Mycenaean palace states.

The Spercheios valley, stretching for some 80 km east-west, is wedged in-between Thessaly and Boeotia, thus dividing the regions of central and southern Greece and allowing only for a narrow shoreline passageway between them. Due to its key geopolitical location at the crossroads between

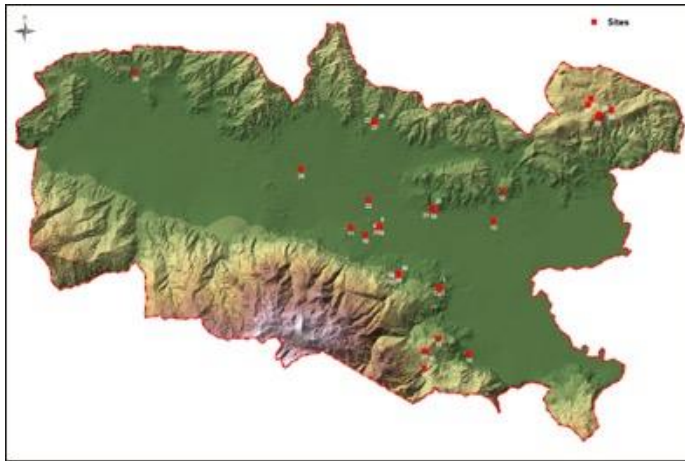


powerful Mycenaean palace states on either side (Iolkos, Orchomenos, Thebes, Glas) and other adjacent areas with strong Mycenaean presence (Lokris, Euboea), this region could exert control on land routes and regulate local and interregional trade. The Spercheios valley, covering a flat area of 370 sq. km, is nearly land-locked, surrounded on three sides and protected by mountain ranges that delineate clear regional boundaries, allowing, however, eastward access to the sea. The hydrologic system of the Spercheios River, meandering toward its delta-shaped outlet in the Maliakos Gulf, with its six tributaries form a well-watered fertile valley with rich alluvial soil (described by Homer as “large-lumped”) and its own micro-clima, agronomically ideal for large-scale agriculture in terms of land size, irrigation, and soil quality. Finally, the Homeric poems, epic poetry, and Greek mythology traditionally connect the Spercheios River with Achilles and his kingdom in Phthia, thus preserving the collective memory of a palace state in the region.

Paradoxically, however, the archaeological map of the Spercheios region is incompatible with its geopolitical importance and economic potential. In the last two centuries, archaeological fieldwork was carried out sporadically in the Spercheios valley with rather poor results, partially because field research often aimed not at the surrounding hills (habitual location of Mycenaean settlements) but at the modern valley floor, therefore, being hindered by local geological processes (deep silting from the river and sinking of the southern part of the valley floor by 10-20 meters due to the earthquake fault of Atalanti). Recent work by the local archaeological Ephorate has located and partially excavated a few Mycenaean sites and cemeteries, such as the important cemetery at Kompotades that has yielded large chamber tombs with exquisite finds, imported luxury goods, and artifacts of high social status, thus indicating a region that may be moderately secluded but not isolated, combining local autonomy and self-sufficiency with interregional contacts.

A new five-year field project commenced in 2018 under the directorship and auspices of the local Ephorate with the collaboration of the Geophysics Lab of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki, the Architectural Design and Research Lab of the Democritus University of Thrace, the Archaeometry Lab of the University of the Peloponnese, and the support and co-sponsorship of the Municipality of Lamia and the Mycenaean Foundation. The Mycenaean Spercheios-valley Archaeological (MY.SPE.AR.) project combines extensive and intensive archaeological survey, aerial reconnaissance, geophysical survey, targeted excavation, and digital technology in order to locate, identify, and map all Mycenaean sites in the Spercheios valley. Geospatial analysis of geocumulative approach (involving archaeological, geomorphologic, paleo-environmental, hydrographic, and paleo-climatic variables) is conducted to explore interaction between environment and site distribution. Furthermore, statistical, frequency, and spatial distribution models are applied to trace contact patterns and hierarchical dynamics among the sites, and to identify second order centers and possibly a first order administrative center in the region.

Our field research has identified a potential candidate for a regional administrative center in the ancient citadel of Lamia (Akrolamia) on the basis of geopolitical and topographical parameters, promising geophysical data, and old test pits that yielded Mycenaean wall remains and palatial ceramic evidence. Anyway, the strategic and economic potential of the region practically eliminates even the remote possibility of a geopolitical vacuum in the area. Nevertheless, if verified by excavation, the presence of a regional administrative center on the Akrolamia, once controlling land trade routes, commanding access to the shore, and regulating the regional agricultural production, would drastically change the political geography in the periphery of the Mycenaean world. This project, therefore, will seize the rare opportunity to combine field archaeology with advanced archaeological science and traditional classics, and may face the challenge to juxtapose historical reality with myth.





The Greek Odyssey Study Abroad Program

The Greek Odyssey study abroad program serves an academic consortium of American and European universities. This interdisciplinary program focuses on archaeology and related disciplines, such as bioarchaeology, geoarchaeology, geophysics, geology, paleoenvironmental studies, archaeometry, cultural heritage protection/management, classical civilization, ancient history, art history and studio art, theatrical studies, and ancient/modern Greek.

The MELATHRON American Center for Archaeology at Mycenae, hosted in the impressive facilities of the Mycenaean Foundation at Mycenae, Greece, offers a unique undergraduate study abroad program administered by the University of South Carolina and the Mycenaean Foundation, accredited by the University of South Carolina, and endorsed by the International University Alliance (IUA) and the Study In Greece (Official Portal of the Hellenic Republic). Students study at Mycenae, reside at Argos and Nafplion, where they immerse in the local culture, entertainment, and shopping, and participate in organized field trips and study tours all over mainland Greece and the islands in the weekends. All courses are taught in English by prominent Greek and American professors.

This intensive study abroad program offers an unparalleled experience for students from all over the world to spend a semester or a summer in one of the most spectacular sites of ancient Greece, study and travel all over Greece, while doing hands-on archaeological work and learning basic skills that will serve them regardless of major and career. Our holistic educational model aims at communicating knowledge while developing critical ability and original thinking, through an interdisciplinary, cross-cultural, engaging, experimental, experiential, effective, adaptive, and applied approach.

The MELATHRON Center at Mycenae aspires to become a dynamic international platform for education and practical training, interdisciplinary faculty research, faculty-student research collaboration, and cultural immersion of students in Greece. Among other things, the Center will train students and archaeologists in a pioneer dig simulator, establish endowed scholarships and fellowships for graduate students, subsidize scholarly publications, sponsor archaeological fieldwork, offer accommodation for foreign scholars conducting research in the region, promote interest in





archaeology and other related disciplines through lectures, seminars, and international conferences, and foster Greek-American collaboration.

APPLICATION DOCUMENT

Fill out and send by e-mail



Department of History, Archaeology &
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University of the Peloponnese

MY.SPE.AR. Field School 2021

PERSONAL DETAILS

(The name you give on your application should correspond exactly with that written on all official documents which you will be required to produce as evidence of identity).

FIRST NAME	
LAST NAME	
FULL NAME (中文名字)	
GENDER	
DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YYYY)	

CONTACT DETAILS

E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>(please, fill in an e-mail address where you may be contacted at any time)</i>	
PHONE NUMBER <i>(please, include international and area codes)</i>	

CURRENT INSTITUTION

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SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE :

<p>Three personal goals for your studies abroad: What are your three most important learning goals or objectives for your time abroad?</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>Past experiences with Greece: What past experiences, knowledge, and interest do you have with Greece (Personal relations, courses, fieldwork, laboratory work, conferences, etc)?</p>





Reasons for wishing to come to Mycenae: What interest do you have in Mycenaean Civilization and how will it benefit you?

FINISH THE APPLICATION

√	<i>I CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ME IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE.</i>
FIRST/LAST NAME	
DATE	

