Course Name: Archaeology Field School in Jordan
Course Numbers: HST 374/674
Credit Hours: 3 (undergraduate or graduate, with enhanced content)
Location: Central Jordan (Tall Hisban)

Course Highlights:
• Participate in a “live” archaeological research project with an international, interdisciplinary team
• Experience ethnographic work in a “live” Jordanian village
• Expand your knowledge through weekend excursions to sites in central Jordan, such as:
  • Walking tour of Madaba during morning and sunset at Mt Nebo.
  • Tour of Northern Jordan: Jerash, Ajlun, Gadera, Pella and Succoth
  • Tour of Amman Citadel, Museum and Theatre, Tall Umayri, Tall Jalul
  • Afternoon Tour of Bethany beyond Jordan and Dead Sea Swim
  • Desert Highway toward Petra, Hejaz Railway, Shoubak Castle, Wadi Musa
  • Tour of Petra Archaeological Park
  • The King’s Highway to Madaba via Al Kerak, Wadi Mujib, and Dibon
• Brush up on or learn new Arabic language skills
• Excavate a medieval castle and Roman ruins

Program Fee: $4,045
Program Fee Includes: airfare, ground transportation, shared hotel room in Madaba, board, weekend excursions, entrance fees to archaeological sites and museums, Study Away student fee. Separated costs not available.

Program Fee Excludes: MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate or graduate credit ($601.44/726.00); passport & visa fees; immunizations; misc. personal expenses

Applications are due by January 15, 2013. A nonrefundable deposit of $607 will be billed to your student account. Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid
Students may apply for the Study Away scholarship to study abroad during winter intersession 2013, spring 2013, and summer 2013 terms. The scholarship is need-based for full-time MSU degree-seeking students with a minimum 3.0 GPA enrolled in an approved Study Away program. Students must complete the scholarship application by February 19, 2013.

Students who receive financial aid through MSU may apply that aid to the program, if eligible. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

Informational Meeting:
TBA
Application Due:
January 15, 2013
Pre-travel Class Meetings
TBA
Depart Springfield for Amman, Jordan:
May 16, 2013
Depart Amman, Jordan for Springfield:
June 10, 2013
Post-travel Meeting, Final Exam:
TBA

Interested in going?
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Course Objectives
This course is a formal archaeological field school - with field, lab, and classroom components – held on-site in Jordan as an MSU study away program. The field school provides hands-on training in archaeological excavation and post-season object analysis techniques; students will also participate in several projects related to site presentation, architectural preservation, and community outreach that are running concurrently with the excavation. The field school is based on excavations at Tall Hisban, a multi-component tell site in central Jordan with a medieval castle. This is the longest running foreign-led archaeological project in the Middle East (launched over forty years ago), as well as one of the oldest and most prestigious field schools in the region. Hisban has trained generations of budding archaeologists through this form of study away field school. Students will live at the Salome Hotel in Madaba, an old Christian town south of Amman, and will be immersed in Jordanian life, both in the field and at “camp”. The 2013 season at Hisban is a three-week excavation. The course begins with several cultural orientation and field training classes, held spring semester 2013, which consists of weekly, evening meetings. The field school proper runs from May 17 to June 10. Weekend excursions are planned to sites of archaeological and historical interest in Jordan.

Students are strongly encouraged to take have taken some Middle Eastern courses (history, anthropology, Arabic language) or archaeology. There are, however, no formal prerequisites. All participants should be in good health, have an interest in and respect for Middle Eastern cultures, and have a commitment to active research. Some training in Arabic language is recommended but not required. No prior archaeological experience is required. All majors are welcome.

Weekend excursions will take you to some of the most important archaeological and cultural sites and most beautiful natural wonders of the country.

For more information about the project, visit http://clio.missouristate.edu/bwalker/default.html

Course Schedule & Itinerary
The program schedule consists of a 5-day (Sun.-Thurs.) work week, dedicated to field work (6 am-noon); afternoon labs for pottery washing, reading and artifact processing (4-6 pm); and evening lectures 3 days per week (7 pm). Group tours are held on weekends.

Course Credit & Requirements
Students receive 3 hours of either undergraduate credit (HST 374) or graduate credit (HST 674) for satisfactory completion of the program. There are no prerequisites for the course, although previous coursework in World history, Middle East history or Middle East Studies, archaeology or anthropology, or Arabic language is highly recommended. All majors are welcome. No previous field experience is necessary: students will receive training “in the field” in Jordan.

Required Text: Excavation Manual: Madaba Plains Project ($10, loose-leaf)—order from publisher at: http://www.andrews.edu/archaeology/pubs/books/manual.html. All other readings will be provided electronically to students through the course Blackboard site.

Assessment of learning
Students will be assessed through both hands-on fieldwork and traditional in-class assignments. Grades are based on:

• Performance in fieldwork and careful completion of field notes
• Evening lecture attendance and notes
• Academic journal and post-travel essay

Application & Payment Procedures
Missouri State University students and others who are approved by a Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of $607 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Jan 15, 2013). You will receive a second billing on Feb. 15, 2013 and a final billing on March 29, 2013, for the balance of the program fee ($3,438). MSU course tuition ($601.44/726.00) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of $607 (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Jan. 15, 2013). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee ($3,438) will be due by March 29, 2013. MSU course tuition ($601.44/726.00) will be billed to your University account and is due according to your payment plan.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2013. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR’S OFFICE. Estimated program fees are based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% if rates increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies

• Students who withdraw prior to April 4, 2013 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $607 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.

• If a student is forced to withdraw after April 4, 2013 or a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $607 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.

• Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 4, 2013, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.

• Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.

• All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.

• The program will be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 11 participants. In this event, students will receive a full refund.