

Jordan



Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer 2014 • May 23 - June 16, 2014

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
- Explore and map caves
- Learn aerial photography and other new technologies

Program Fee: **\$4,200**

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 (\$612/741); passport & visa fees; immunizations; misc. personal expenses

Applications are due by **January 31, 2014.**

A **nonrefundable deposit of \$630 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 College of Humanities and Public Affairs Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by April 11, 2014. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

Informational Meeting:
TBA

Application Due:
January 31, 2014

Pre-travel Class Meetings
TBA

Depart Springfield for Amman, Jordan:
May 23, 2014

Depart Amman, Jordan for Springfield:
June 16, 2014

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 2014 season at Hisban is a three-week excavation.

The course begins with several cultural orientation and field training classes, held spring semester 2014, which consists of weekly, evening meetings. The field school proper runs from May 23 to June 16. 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 **\$630** will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Jan 31, 2014). You will receive a second billing on Feb. 21, 2014 and a final billing on March 31, 2014, for the balance of the program fee (\$3,570). MSU course tuition (\$612/741) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of **\$630** (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Jan. 31, 2014). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee (\$3,570) and MSU course tuition (\$612/741) will be due by April 18, 2014.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2014. 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, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the **\$630** deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after April 4, 2014 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the **\$630** deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 4, 2014, 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.

