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Archaeological Field Work

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Dept of Ancient History

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General Information

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Prerequisites

Permission of Executive Dean of Faculty

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

Students may apply to undertake archaeological fieldwork at an approved excavation. A list of available excavations is published each year on the department of ancient history's website. The website also provides details on how to obtain a position on these excavations and how to obtain the Dean's waiver in order to enrol in this unit. Students wishing to excavate in MQ-led projects in the following regions should contact the appropriate MQ staff member: Egypt: Professor N. Kanawati, Associate Professor B. Ockinga or Dr. Y. Tristant; Italy (the site of Carsulae): Dr J. McKenzie Clark; Croatia (the site of Bribirska glavica): Dr V. Ghica; and Israel (the sites of Tell Azekah and Jerusalem): Dr K. Keimer and Dr G. Davis. Students may also enrol in the following excavations run by other organizations: Spain (Sanisera Field School in Menorca), Turkey (site of Antiochia ad Cragum), and Greece (site of Argilos). Details of these excavations (and contact addresses) can be found on the website. Before enrolment students must first consult with the excavation directors or their representatives and then with the unit coordinator (Assoc. Prof. K. A. Sheedy). Places on excavations are often very limited. Those interested in this unit are asked to plan well ahead.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Acquire the skills to apply the various archaeological practices and methods in use at their site.

Gain an understanding of previous research on the site and appreciate its larger historical and cultural context.

Develop analytical and interpretative skills in research at an advanced level.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
Participation in excavation	40%	15 May
Journal	20%	15 May
Presentation	10%	Week 12
Research Essay	30%	5 June

Participation in excavation

Due: **15 May**

Weighting: **40%**

Students are required to participate in the excavation for the full period they have nominated on enrolling (a period which must be approved by the director of the excavation). They are required to undertake all of the duties which have been allocated to them by the director or supervising staff during the excavation

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Journal

Due: **15 May**

Weighting: **20%**

Students are required to maintain a journal which documents their participation in the activities of the excavation. This journal should record their day to day work, together with (where appropriate) a brief evaluation of their tasks. It might also include any other information or thoughts that the student believes relevant to their excavation experience. The journal should contain no more than 800 words per day. It may be submitted as a book or in electronic form.

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Presentation

Due: **Week 12**

Weighting: **10%**

A seminar day will be arranged for all participants to give a 10 minute paper, followed by a 5 minute question time (or the speaker may speak for 15 minutes without questions). Each student is ask to present a brief account of their site and then to outline the work which they undertook. Where numerous students have worked at the same site the MQ staff member who has supervised their participation will help coordinate these presentations.

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Research Essay

Due: **5 June**

Weighting: **30%**

Students on completion of the fieldwork are required to write a 2500 word (not including footnotes) report on an aspect of their excavation that is deemed of archaeological interest or significance. The topic is to be discussed and agreed with the MQ supervising staff member of

the excavation.

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Delivery and Resources

Recommended Reading

Depending on the area of excavation, the student may be required to obtain a copy of a standard archaeological textbook. As an introduction the student might consult J. Balme and A. Paterson (eds), *Archaeological Practice: A Student Guide to Archaeological Analyses* (ISBN: 978-0-470-65716-4) 2013, Wiley-Blackwell. Please contact the MQ supervisor of your chosen excavation.

Assignment Submission

Assessment 2 (Journal) may be submitted electronically or in hard copy. Electronic copies must be submitted via iLearn. Hard copies must be delivered to the relevant MQ excavation supervisor (please make an appointment).

Assessment 3 (Presentation). The date and place of the presentation will be provided by your MQ excavation supervisor. Students would normally offer a Powerpoint presentation.

Assessment 4 (Research Essay) must be submitted electronically via iLearn.

Assignment Extensions

Extensions for assignments can only be granted for medical reasons or on compassionate grounds. Without documentation (medical or counselling certificates) or prior staff approval, a penalty of 2% a day, including weekends, will be applied. If required, applications for extensions should be made before the assignment's due date.

NB You should always keep a copy of completed tasks in case of loss.

SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF UNIT

Students must attend the excavation of their choice for the full period of their participation. This period of time will be determined in consultation with your MQ excavation supervisor at the time of enrollment. Failure to complete the full period of participation may result in disqualification from the unit unless there are satisfactory medical or compassionate grounds.

Students must achieve an overall mark of 50% or above to complete the unit satisfactorily.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS UNIT

Prerequisites.

Enrolment in AHIS 347 is only possible with the Dean's waiver. This is given by the unit Convenor A/P Kenneth Sheedy. You must first apply to the relevant MQ excavation supervisor for a position on your chosen excavation. Once your supervisor has approved your application, you should apply to Kenneth Sheedy for the Dean's waiver via ask.mq.edu.au.

Risk Assessment

Attention to the university policies on Health and Safety is vital. No approvals for enrolment in this unit will be possible unless the relevant forms are properly and fully completed. You must consult with your MQ excavation supervisor on this matter.

Explanation and forms: Please visit this website:

http://staff.mq.edu.au/human_resources/health_and_safety/health_safety_information_for_students/

Fieldwork Forms (Three Forms): http://staff.mq.edu.au/human_resources/health_and_safety/

policies-procedures-guidelines_forms/

Smart Traveller.

Please note, the MQ Travel Guidelines stipulate:

“If you wish to travel to any destination nominated as a Medium to High risk or above (as defined by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)), you are only permitted to do so after having obtained the Vice-Chancellor’s permission.”

All students undertaking fieldwork must register, before leaving, with:

<http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/Advice/>

Insurance

For details of the University's Insurance Policies:

http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/insurable_risk/guideline.html

Students are covered by MQ insurance while on the excavation (including travelling to and from the excavation). You need to take out your own travel insurance if you plan to undertake private travel within the trip. If, for example, you plan to arrive in your destination country a few days before the excavation starts, and visit museums and sites, or leave the excavation during the session (eg on the weekend) to travel privately to another location, you must have private travel insurance. Please consult with your MQ excavation supervisor on this matter.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

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