After Graduation

With an Archaeology degree, students can enter many different careers. Some graduates have been hired by the Lebanese Directorate General of Antiquities, or any state institution such as the Ministry of Tourism.

Some graduates continue their higher education and become involved in academia and research. Others work as freelance archaeologists on rescue excavation sites in Lebanon and abroad.

Graduates can specialize in marine archaeology or the application of natural sciences to archaeology such as archaeobiology, archaeochemistry or archaeophysics. Other graduates can pursue a career in conservation and restoration or museology.

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The American University of Beirut is a leading institution for the study of Archaeology. The Department is founded on a rich departmental history stemming from myriad archaeological resources. AUB has been central to the study of the ancient Near East for over a century, and continues to work at the forefront of archaeological field work.
Sample Courses

AROL 213
The Human Story i: The Old Stone Age
Physical and cultural development of early humans in a Pleistocene environment; their artifacts, arts, crafts and lifestyle.

AROL 215
The Near East in the Bronze Ages
From the 4th millennium BC growth of small towns and larger urban centers in an essentially agricultural environment to the breakdown of the Bronze Age urban palace culture at the end of the 2nd millennium BC.

AROL 217
Phoenicia and the Phoenicians
An investigation of the archaeology of the Levantine coast between 1200–300BC with a special emphasis on recently excavated Iron Age sites in Lebanon.

AROL 225
The Roman and Byzantine Near East
Introduces aspects of the archaeology and diverse cultures of the region, from 100BC to AD 650. Topics include architecture, cities, religion and art.

AROL 226
The World of the Philistines, Israelites and Aramaeans
An investigation of the material culture of Syria and Palestine from 1200-300BC, with emphasis on the origin and early settlement of Philistines, Israelites, and Aramaeans, and the formations of states and urbanization.

AROL 231
Ancient Near Eastern Religions
A study of ancient Mesopotamian, Canaanite, and biblical religious texts with emphasis on creation myths, divine beings, death and the afterlife, cults and rituals.

The Lebanese landscape is covered with archaeological sites both excavated and pristine.

Research
The experienced and diverse faculty of Archaeology have been involved in research and excavation on a scale beyond compare, spanning millennia of Near Eastern history and providing a strong base of multitude of student interests.

The current excavations at Tell Burak have been incorporated into student research involving international collaboration. The departmental participation in historic excavations of Beirut Central District, as well as the salvage excavation of Tell Fadous-Kfarabida, illustrates the faculty's eagerness to conserve the archaeological heritage of Lebanon.

Curriculum
The undergraduate program in Archaeology provides students with a working knowledge and critical understanding of the methodological and theoretical principles of archaeological investigation and fieldwork.

The students are introduced to the wealth and diversity of Mediterranean and Near Eastern archaeology. They develop essential knowledge about the material and cultural roots of past societies.

The program enhances student awareness about the value and relevance of Lebanon's and the region's archaeological heritage.

Students also take a practical field work course in which they are required to participate in archaeological fieldwork. Students gain essential experience in area surveys, excavation, building recording, and post excavation analysis.