

# MA in Archaeology

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students registered in the master's program in Archaeology are required to take a minimum of 21 graduate credit hours distributed as follows:

6 credits in core courses (AROL 301 or 302 and AROL 323 or 324),  
9 credits in their chosen area of concentration (either ancient (Bronze and Iron Age) or Graeco- Roman archaeology of the Near East),  
6 credits in elective courses which can be chosen from among courses offered by the department or courses offered by other departments and relevant to their course of study. Students are also required to present a 9 credits thesis based on independent research and to sit for a comprehensive examination (0 cr.) based on a list of required readings established by the department and handed in to the students upon registration in the graduate program.

### Revised Curriculum with course description of the newly introduced courses

**AROL 301 Graduate Seminar: Introduction to Theory in Archaeology** 3.0; 3 cr.  
A seminar to introduce students to key theories and debates in archaeology. *Offered in alternate years.*

**AROL 302 Advanced Seminar in Current Approaches to Archaeological Theory** 3.0; 3 cr.  
A seminar on current key theories and debates in archaeology, such as center/periphery, economics and world systems analysis, power and hierarchy, cognitive archaeology, critiques of ideology or the politics of interpretation and presentation of the past, native peoples, and gender issues. *Offered in alternate years.*

**AROL 303 Readings in Ancient Texts I** 3.0; 3 cr.  
An introduction to ancient Semitic epigraphy in general, and to one of the ancient East or West Semitic languages in particular. Alternately, Akkadian, Phoenician, or Aramaic texts are studied. *Offered occasionally.*

**AROL 304 Readings in Ancient Texts II** 3.0; 3 cr.  
An in-depth study of a particular ancient Semitic language based on grammar and text analysis. Alternately, Akkadian, Phoenician, or Aramaic texts are studied. *Offered occasionally.*

**AROL 305 Artifact Technology and Representation** 3.0; 3 cr.  
A technical analysis and representation of archaeological artifacts, including composition, production technique, description, and drawing for publication of ceramic, metal, stone, and bone artifacts. *May be repeated for credit.*

**AROL 307 Seminar in the Bronze Age Archaeology of the Near East** 3.0; 3 cr.

A seminar that examines selected problems of the Bronze Age in the Levant during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> millennia BC. The course addresses topics such as the development of complex societies in urban communities and incipient territorial states, the incorporation of the Levant into larger Empires, the development of palace economies, craft specialization, international trade and political relations as well as the breakdown of the Bronze Age system during the last centuries of the 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium BC. *Can be repeated for credit.*

**AROL 308 Seminar in Iron Age Archaeology of the Near East** **3.0; 3 cr.**

A seminar that examines important features of the material culture of the Near East from the twelfth to the fourth century BC. The course addresses questions such as state formation, trade expansion and networks, international political relations, and the creation of new forms of art and architecture. *May be repeated for credit.*

**AROL 309 Seminar in Graeco-Roman Archaeology of the Near East** **3.0; 3 cr.**

A seminar that examines important features of the material culture of the Near East from the twelfth to the fourth century AD. The course addresses questions such as the growth of urbanization, local responses to Greek and Roman culture institutions and the creation of new forms of art and architecture. *May be repeated for credit.*

**AROL 310 Seminar in Mediterranean Archaeology** **3.0; 3 cr.**

This seminar explores the richness and complexity of past societies of the Mediterranean through aspects of the material culture. Through analysis of the development of prehistoric and historic Mediterranean peoples, the seminar considers how archaeological evidence reflects encounters and developments in major issues such as exchange, migration, identity and colonialism. *Can be repeated for credit.*

**AROL 321 Graduate Tutorial** **3.0; 3 cr.**

A study of particular sites and materials to train students in archaeological research and analysis. *May not be repeated for credit.*

**AROL 322 Advanced Fieldwork and Data Collection** **3.0; 3 cr.**

A course of advanced training in archaeological surveys, excavations, artifact recording or ethnographic data collection related to archaeological fieldwork. *May be repeated for credit.*

**AROL 327 Special Topics in Archaeology** **3.0; 3 cr.**

An in-depth course involving the detailed and systematic analysis of the Archaeology of a particular area, region (e.g. Anatolia, the Arabian Peninsula, Egypt, Iran, the Mediterranean, etc.) or subject. *May be repeated for credit.*

**AROL 395A/395B Comprehensive Exam** **0 cr.**

*Prerequisite: Consent of adviser.*

**AROL 399 MA Thesis** **9 cr.**