

think outside your borders

This course will consist of a three-week excavation of Tel Burna, located in the southwestern foothills of Israel. At the site of Tel Burna, students will actively participate in the archaeological excavation. Offsite, students will visit other important archaeological sites in Israel and attend weekly lectures on topics relevant to the areas of culture and history.

The course will acquaint students with both archaeology, as a field of study, and with the history and culture of the ancient Levant. Students will actively engage in archaeological method and practice through onsite participation in the excavation of Tel Burna. The collection and analysis of the material remains from Tel Burna will allow students to develop firsthand knowledge of the cultures of ancient Levant, particularly Judah and Philistia. The students will also gain a better understanding of the ancient history and geography of the southern Levant through guided field trips to archaeological sites outside of Tel Burna, as well as through a series of evening lectures.

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HOW TO APPLY

Applications for UMD programs are submitted electronically via MyEA: <http://myea.umd.edu>.

There is a \$50, non-refundable application fee to apply, payable directly via MyEA.

NOTE: If accepted, you must pay a non-refundable \$250 deposit within 10 business days to confirm your space. The deposit is payable by credit card in MyEA and will be refunded only in the event of program cancellation. Failure to pay the deposit in a timely manner may result in your withdrawal from the program.

Last day to Apply: March 15, 2012

For program and course information, please contact **Matthew Suriano** at msuriano@umd.edu.

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ISRAEL

Tel Burna Archaeological Field Course



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ITINERARY

Tel Burna is located in the southern part of Israel, near Beit Guvrin and Kiryat Gat. The students will be housed at Kibbutz Netiv HaLamed Heh, in the nearby Elah Valley. In addition to the excavation, the class will tour the archaeological sites of Beit Guvrin/Mareshah, Tel Sokho and Azekah, Tel Zafit, (roughly 5 minutes from the kibbutz), Tel Beth Shemesh, Khirbet Qeiyafa, Gezer, Lachish, the Negev sites of Beer-Sheba and Tel Arad. In addition we will spend several days visiting Jerusalem.

FACULTY DIRECTOR

Matthew Suriano, assistant professor in the Meyerhoff Center, began his graduate studies in Israel and has also been a fellow at the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. He has participated in several archaeological excavations in Israel, most recently at Tel Burna near Beit Guvrin. His Ph.D., in Hebrew Bible and Northwest Semitics, is from UCLA's Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures.

GRADING AND CREDIT

Accepted students will enroll in **JWST369T: Tel Burna Archaeological Field Course** for 4 credits.

Participation in the daily work of the excavation is required and will comprise the majority of the student's grade. In addition, students will be expected to keep a notebook/journal that documents their daily excavation experience. On-site, a portion of the student's grade will be based on a group presentation that the students will give for their respective work areas (called squares) during the end of the third week.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Education Abroad offers scholarships for undergraduate UMD students to attend summer term programs. These scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement and financial need. The last day to apply is March 15, 2012.

PROGRAM COST

The program fee of **\$3,595** includes lodging, most meals, internal transportation, some entry fees, and a \$250 UMD

Education Abroad fee. Students will be responsible for other meals and miscellaneous expenses, as well as their own airfare.

Education Abroad will suggest a group flight itinerary that each student is responsible for purchasing directly from a travel agent. Although flight costs are not guaranteed and will vary, we estimate round-trip airfare for this program from the Washington, D.C. area to Tel Burna will be approximately \$1600. Once admitted, you should expect to purchase the flight for the program a few weeks later, usually mid-March.

ELIGIBILITY

We are looking for energetic students from a wide variety of backgrounds, with at least a 2.75 GPA. Admissions for the program are made on a rolling basis, and decisions will be given in a timely manner.

Please be aware that decisions will not be made on a daily basis, so you should expect a delay between when you submit an application and when you receive notification. Because admission to summer programs is competitive and space is limited, early application is advisable. Meeting the minimum GPA requirement alone is insufficient to guarantee admission. All required materials will be considered during the admission process.

