Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology

Overview

UC Berkeley offers an interdisciplinary program of graduate study in Ancient History and Ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean Archaeology (AHMA). The program is conducted by an interdisciplinary group that includes more than 20 faculty members affiliated with seven different Berkeley departments and the Graduate Theological Union. A chair, a graduate adviser, and student affairs officers administer the program.

The AHMA program offers MA and PhD degrees in areas that combine work in archaeology and history and related disciplines of ancient studies. Most of its graduates have successfully secured teaching positions in Departments of Classics, Art History, History, Anthropology or Near Eastern Studies in colleges and universities in the United States or abroad including Bar-Ilan, Haifa, Volos, Oxford, Toronto, Columbia, Madison, Austin, and Penn.

The AHMA program consists of ca. 1,300 books, 5,000 offprints, 1,000 photos, and 1,400 squeezes which are housed on the Berkeley Campus in 6221-6223 Dwinelle Hall and available for use by faculty, students, and visitors.

Research

The mission of the Archaeological Research Facility (http://arf.berkeley.edu) (ARF) is to support archaeological field and laboratory research undertaken by UC Berkeley archaeologists and related specialists. Currently, 36 UC Berkeley faculty members from 10 departments and Organized Research Units are active participants in the ARF. The ARF operates some laboratory facilities and offers equipment and funding support to campus archaeologists (including graduate students). The ARF also publishes a newsletter and a publication series, oversees over $1 million in endowments, sponsors a lecture series that attracts scholars of international repute, and operates an undergraduate teaching laboratory in cooperation with the Department of Anthropology as well as an educational outreach program.

The Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology (http://hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu) has extensive holdings of ancient artifacts, including Classical material, cuneiform tablets, and an ancient Egyptian collection of more than 17,000 objects.

The Nemea Center for Classical Archaeology (http://nemeacenter.berkeley.edu) is a research unit within the Department of Classics that promotes teaching, research, and public service centered on the University of California's excavations in Nemea, Greece and its surrounding region. The Center is composed of the Nemea Excavation Archives, housed in 7125 Dwinelle Hall, and the Nemea Center facilities at the archaeological site of Nemea (Bowker House residence and the Thomas J. Long Study Room). The central activity of the Nemea Center is the excavation, study, conservation, and public presentation of the panhellenic Sanctuary of Zeus and its environs. The Center also promotes research in the region of the eastern Peloponnese including conducting ongoing excavation and museum study at Mycenae.
Colloquia, Seminars, and Lectures

The AHMA Noon Colloquium (http://ahma.berkeley.edu/ahma-noon-colloquium) is a series of informal papers presented at noon in 7205 Dwinelle Hall.

The Pritchett Lecture (http://ahma.berkeley.edu/pritchett-lecture), generously funded by an anonymous donor in honor of W. Kendrick Pritchett, the founding father of AHMA, is an annual event that brings to campus a distinguished scholar for an evening lecture and, frequently, an afternoon seminar.

The Sara B. Aleshire Center for the Study of Greek Epigraphy (http://ahma.berkeley.edu/Aleshire) organizes and hosts annual (formerly biannual) lectures and seminars in Greek epigraphy.

The Nemea Center (http://ahma.berkeley.edu/nemea-center-seminar) regularly invites distinguished archaeologists to give lectures to, lead seminars for, and work with AHMA students.

Each year, the Center for the Tebtunis Papyri (http://tebtunis.berkeley.edu) invites a distinguished scholar to present a public lecture, lead a seminar, and work with graduate students.

The Berkeley Ancient Italy Roundtable (BAIR) (http://ahma.berkeley.edu/berkeley-ancient-italy-roundtable) is a biennial (formerly annual) event that brings together students of the archaeology, history, and art history of ancient Italy (broadly defined both geographically and chronologically) based in the Bay Area and further afield in the western United States. Our aim is to promote interaction among this group of scholars with a view to advancing the development of a more cohesive professional community.

Undergraduate Programs

There is no undergraduate program in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology.

Graduate Program

Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology (http://guide.berkeley.edu/graduate/degree-programs/ancient-history-mediterranean-archaeology): PhD

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AHMA 210 Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology Interdisciplinary Seminar 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Spring 2016

Team-taught by faculty from two different departments. The purpose is not only to expose students to a discipline other than their own, but to engage them directly in the application of that discipline to their own research interests. The topic and instructors will vary from year to year. Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology Interdisciplinary Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Ancient History and Med. Arch./Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology Interdisciplinary Seminar: Read Less [-]

AHMA 299 Special Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2018 8 Week Session, Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2017

Topics and instructors will vary from year to year. Special individual study for qualified graduate students. Individual study and research, including archaeological fieldwork or laboratory projects, in consultation with instructor on subject matter not covered in scheduled course offerings. Special Study: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4-16 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 7.5-30 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Ancient History and Med. Arch./Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

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