



# Archaeology and Archaeological Sciences

(SEMP-Erasmus, BA, MA)

## Programs

Archaeology is the science of the Past, and involves a such a broad range of material and immaterial aspects. The University of Zurich's Institute of Archaeology offers three study programs with varying specializations: «Archaeologies» (BA, MA, major, minor) covers all three disciplines of prehistoric, classical and medieval archaeology; «Interdisciplinary Archaeological Sciences» (BA, MA, minor) focuses on archaeometry, geoarchaeology, human bioarchaeology and comparative (ethno-)archaeology; «Archaeological Culture Sciences» (MA, mono) leads to a specialized degree in one of the above-mentioned sub-disciplines. Major topics of archaeological teaching and research at UZH are (peri-)Alpine landscapes, cultures and economies including mining archaeology, Mediterranean settlements and material cultures, and Medieval architectures, materials and social contexts.

## Teaching

All programs are modular and offer a variety of possible thematic compilations, both for visiting students (SEMP-Erasmus) and for students enrolling in a full BA or MA program. Modules comprise introductory courses to general topics and sub-disciplines, specialized lectures and seminars, interactive modules such as colloquia or journal clubs, and a full range of in- and out-door practice modules. Students are invited to participate in the many excursions, field- and labwork activities, including surveys and excavations in Switzerland, the Alpine area and the Mediterranean, as well as in several non-European countries. Teaching is in German (mostly) and in English; however, written work can usually be submitted in German, English, French or Italian.

## Admission

General admission rules of the University of Zurich apply for BA and MA students (see «Further information»). Exchange students can enroll within SEMP (Swiss equivalent to Erasmus). Currently, SEMP contracts exist with Bamberg, Berlin, Kiel, Köln, Leiden, Palermo and Vienna. Exchange programs are particularly advised for advanced BA or initial MA students.

## Perspectives

Archaeology studies open the path to positions in archaeological heritage management, both public and private, in museums, research institutions or universities. Cultural institutions such as archives, libraries and specialized editors and media equally offer professional opportunities.

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