



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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ARCHAEOLOGY

Undergraduate Program

Humanities

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.

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



An undergraduate degree in Archaeology offers a vivid understanding of how the past informs our present through its focus on the **material remains of the past**.

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.

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.

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.

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.