Course Description
Introduction to the theories and methodologies of archaeological field excavation; supervised on-site archaeological fieldwork experience (e.g., field recording systems, computer applications, surveying, cataloging, small finds analysis, conservation, and drafting); exploration of research problems in archaeology (e.g., approaches to site selection and stratigraphical analysis); and firsthand study of Late Hellenistic and Early Imperial temple architecture. In addition to field and laboratory work, twice weekly seminars led by senior staff and guest lecturers presenting and discussing such topics as: site preservation, conservation and public education, antiquities laws and looting, and archaeological ethics.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the field season, each student can:
- Plan and execute a small-scale excavation;
- Record and document accurately and sufficiently a small-scale excavation;
- Produce an end-of-season report that provides both primary source material and preliminary synthetic interpretation.

Course Resources
Course packet (introduces the history & archaeology of the Levant).

Course Requirements & Evaluation
Required readings; participation in excavation and seminars, pottery reading sessions, field trips, end-of-season excavation report, and short research and methodological paper.

Syllabus
Site introduction, history, orientation, archaeology in northern Israel, introduction to excavation data entry and processing.

In-the-field, Week 1: Surveying and Survey Techniques
Field: surveying instruments and methods; excavation.
Laboratory: introduction to pottery and pottery recording.
Lectures: Pottery and Archaeology, Introduction to Architecture.

In-the-field: Week 2: Principles of Excavation
Field: stratigraphy; excavation.
Laboratory: fresco, fresco conservation and fresco recording.
Lectures: Frescoes in Roman architecture; The Hellenistic North.

In-the-field: Week 3: Principles of Excavation Recording
Field: position and artifacts; excavation
Laboratory: glass and coins, conservation.
Lectures: The Early Roman North; Numismatics; Site Preservation and the Public.

In-the-field: Week 4: Artifacts and Artifact Recording
Field: excavation
Laboratory: introduction to architecture and topographic recording
Lectures: The Byzantine East; Introduction to GIS; Looting and Antiquities.

Field Trips (schedule TBA): Akko, Caesarea Maritima, Tel Dan, Banias, Sephoris, Jerusalem, Masada, and Qumran.