

## ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD PROGRAM IRELAND: BLACKFRIARY 2017

In 2017, the **Irish Archaeology Field School (IAFS)** will continue their community archaeology project work at the **Black Friary**, Co. Meath, Ireland. The Black Friary is a medieval ecclesiastical site situated just outside the medieval town walls of the Anglo-Norman town of Trim.



### ABOUT

The IAFS is Ireland's leading site-based archaeological research and training organisation for university students. The ethos of the school is to provide an opportunity for students of archaeology, anthropology and related disciplines to experience at first hand the challenges and opportunities of archaeological excavation.

### EXCAVATE

The archaeological investigations at the Black Friary are teaching focused, within the context of an established research project. Students undertake archaeological investigation as part of the innovative Blackfriary Community Heritage and Archaeology Project (BCHAP). The multi-award winning project comprises community archaeology outreach and education initiatives that include site tours, open days, and direct involvement by local people. It is supported by local and government authorities and is the only community archaeology project of its type within Ireland.

### ENJOY

Situated on the iconic River Boyne on the fringe of the UNESCO Wold Heritage Site of *Brú na Bóinne*, Trim is within easy reach of Dublin city, and an ideal location for students to stay and explore the rich archaeological heritage of Ireland. Trim is a small friendly market town, which is home to countless standing medieval buildings including Ireland's largest Anglo-Norman castle. Outside the town, students can enjoy the picturesque rolling agricultural grasslands of County Meath. Walks and cycle ways allow visitors to explore the River Boyne, itself a significant early route-way that shaped the development of the country.

### LEARN

Students are instructed by professionals with extensive academic, research, and CRM industry experience, in a supportive training and research environment. The varied nature of the archaeology on the site gives students a chance to practice a wide range of archaeological investigation techniques. A program of practical excavation experience, workshops and lectures from specialists gives students a broad appreciation of the history and archaeology of Ireland. The accompanying cultural program allows students to experience and enjoy the rich cultural heritage of Ireland.



## PROJECT PARTNERS

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta  
The Heritage Council



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meath county council



The Black Friary excavation project is undertaken with permissions from the National Monuments Service



An Roinn  
*Ealaíon, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta*  
Department of  
Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

The project is supported by the **Archaeological Institute of America Site Preservation Fund**, the **Heritage Council**, **Meath Local Authorities** and the **Institute for Field Research**. The Irish Archaeology Field School is a certified field school on the **Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA)** registered archaeology field program.

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## COURSE CATALOGUE 2017



We facilitate all levels of experience, whether it's your first time in the field or you are a seasoned archaeologist. Students may earn transferable university credit through our **Institute for Field Research** course.

*Note: Courses are open to all undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students. Students must be over 18 to participate. Availability and start dates will depend on the course in which you enrol, and the time required to complete that course.*

### FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY COURSE

#### ◇ Transferable University Credit ◇

The IAFS runs an accredited program for students in association with the [Institute for Field Research](#) (IFR). Programs are open to any student, from any major, and any university in the world. Successful students will receive eight US semester credit units (equivalent to 12 quarter credit units).



- Pre-requisite: None
- Course duration: 4 weeks

#### **The Medieval Landscape of the Black Friary**

- Dates: January 8 - February 4 2017

#### **Research, Survey and Excavation**

- Dates: Summer 1: Jun 11-Jul 8, 2017
- Dates: Summer 2: Jul 9-Aug 5, 2017

## FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY COURSES

### ◇ experience only ◇

Courses are designed to introduce students to practical field methods, and to build and expand on knowledge and experience gained in the classroom.

#### INTRODUCTION COURSES

- Introduction Level Pre-requisite: None
- Course duration: 2 weeks

#### **Research Survey and Excavation: The Landscape of the Black Friary** (Spring only)

This course is designed to introduce students to a range of techniques used by modern archaeologists both in survey, excavation and recording with a focus on laboratory protocols artefact curation.

- Dates: (fixed): January 16 – 27 2017

#### **Excavation and Recording: Introduction to Field Archaeology** (Summer only)

This course is designed to introduce students to basic excavation techniques and site recording. to identify appropriate techniques for excavating various feature types and methods for recording finds and features in situ..

- Dates: Courses start every Monday on a rolling basis from May 22 to July 31 2017

#### SPECIALIST/ADVANCED COURSES

- Specialist/Advanced level Pre-requisite: IAFS Introduction to Field Archaeology or commensurate experience
- Course duration: 2 weeks
- Summer only

#### **Advanced Methods in Field Archaeology**

This course builds on the methods and techniques taught in Introduction to Field Archaeology. Students will be given practical experience in advanced

excavation and recording techniques including development and management of the site archive and finds recording and classification.

- Dates: May 22 to August 10 2017; courses start every Monday on a rolling basis

#### **Bioarchaeology and Osteoarchaeology**

This course will provide students with an introduction to the methodologies for bio archaeological investigation, from appropriate techniques for excavation, methods for to identification and recording of burials and burial features.

- Dates: Courses start every Monday on a rolling basis from June 19 – July 24 2017
- Pre-requisite: IAFS Introduction to Field Archaeology or commensurate experience
- Course duration: 2 weeks

#### INTENSIVE ARCHAEOLOGY COURSE

- Dates: Courses start every Monday on a rolling basis from May 22 to July 3 2017
- Course duration: 2 weeks
- Summer only

Including the courses *Introduction to Field Archaeology*, *Advanced Methods in Field Archaeology*, *Bioarchaeology*; this six week intensive course gives students an immersive introduction to all aspects of archaeological investigation undertaken, from survey to excavation and recording.

#### INTERNSHIPS

- Dates: Availability from January to December.
- Course duration: from 8 – 12 weeks

This program is intended for students who wish to develop practical experience in a professional workplace environment. This program is offered through our partners at [Learn International](#).