

2020 Short Course

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD METHODS



This short overseas course will introduce students to the archaeological field methods including underwater excavations, mapping, photogrammetry, site documentation, artefact analyses and some basic conservation skills whilst working on one of the most remarkable European early medieval sites.

Course Content

This practicum will involve 2 weeks of work and study at a world-famous early medieval archaeological site of Ostrów Lednicki. Ostrów Lednicki is a historical island in the middle of Lednica lake in Central Poland and was one of the key fortified settlements of an emerging Polish Kingdom between 10th and 11th centuries.

It remains one of the most important early medieval architectural monuments in the country. Underwater excavations in the vicinity of two main, and third smaller, bridges unearthed the largest collection of early medieval military equipment and weaponry ever found in Europe, including high percentage of Viking weapons.

The students of this course will engage in fieldwork on the submerged bridge and boats, site documentation including photogrammetry, study of early medieval artefacts and weaponry as well as a number of organised trips to other medieval archaeological sites and museums of interest.

Who should attend?

This course will be of particular interest to students of archaeology, anthropology, medieval history, conservation, environmental science, heritage and other related fields.

There are no prerequisites for this course and we welcome applications from people of all nationalities over the age of 18 with interest in underwater and early medieval archaeology.

Moderate levels of fitness, willingness to camp and good team-player skills will be necessary for components of this course

Learning Outcomes

- develop an awareness of the various components of archaeological field projects, from initial planning to publication
- introduce and teach the methodological, technical and practical underpinnings of archaeological fieldwork, especially underwater
- develop archaeological fieldwork skills focusing on individual work and teamwork

When it's run

June 13 – 2 July, 2020

Cost

\$2,133 (excluding transport, accommodation and food)

Registration

[Pay online](#)

Mode of delivery

Face-to-face

Location

Ostrów Lednicki early medieval archaeological site, Poland, Europe

- develop written and oral communication skills and the ability to work successfully in a group
- create an awareness of the complexity of archaeology report writing, basic report writing skills and the ability to critique archaeological field and survey reports

Learning Outcomes

- Fieldwork report (60%) – a 3,000 word survey report with figures and site drawings submitted as an online blog throughout the duration of the project.

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- Field exercise (20%) – individually negotiated based on your interests
- Teamwork participation (20%)

CPD and Credits

Participants who successfully complete the assessments are supplied with a Certificate of Achievement which states that the course is equivalent to a 4.5 unit topic.

Participants should make prior arrangements with their home institution if they want to use this credit for their studies.

Facilitators/Presenters

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