HAAGERUP
Bioarchaeology field school
May 21st - June 22nd 2018

Excavation and analysis of Medieval skeletons

Application deadline: 15.02.2018

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“Being able to excavate at Haagerup was a perfect start for beginning a career in bioarchaeology, and I would recommend it to everyone. I was able to travel to a foreign country, made friends who became family and studied what I love most, bones!”

Kali Sielsky, University of Saskatchewan
For the second year ADBOU (Unit of Anthropology), University of Southern Denmark hosts a bioarchaeology field school. ADBOU curates the remains of more than 16,000 skeletons from the Bronze Age to Early Modern time.

The abandoned Haagerup cemetery is excavated in collaboration with Øhavsmuseet Faaborg (The Archipelago Museum of Southern Denmark). The cemetery was in use from around AD 1100 – 1555. During this period an estimate of 3,000 people were buried on the cemetery.

The cemetery is excavated and skeletons examined through the annual field school. The data contribute to a large-scale project aimed at having the cemetery totally excavated.

5-week course; 15 ECTS – 7,5 Credit Hours

**Week 1:** Lectures where students are introduced to the research objectives, data collection methods in the field and the human skeleton.

**Week 2, 3, 4:** In the field; getting down and dirty, and learning to excavate and register graves and skeletons.

**Week 5:** Cleaning and analyzing remains in the lab, and writing a small report on the finds this year.

During these five weeks students will be introduced to osteological recording methods including sex and age estimation; as well as the recognition of pathological conditions such as trauma, joint degenerations, tuberculosis and leprosy.

Students will learn excavation techniques, including GPS recording, through hands-on work in the field. Students will also be introduced to the challenges and potential of excavation, learn how to clean skeletal material, and be encouraged to think and work critically and independently. The course is evaluated by performance in the field and lab, and by writing a report based on the osteological analysis of skeletons excavated in the field.

**NOTE:** This is an active field project and students will be expected to engage in a high level of outdoor physical activity in a range of weather conditions.