



Biological Anthropology in the Sanisera Necropolis (Spain) & Make an Archaeological Film (Menorca, Spain)

1. General Information

The Sanisera Archaeology Institute for International Field Schools offers an annual archaeology dig on the island of Menorca, off the coast of Spain. This course is for students who come from all over the world to study abroad and who are interested in biological anthropology and want to learn how to produce a video documentary and film studies related to archaeology.

This program is divided in two main parts. In the first part of the course students will gain experience in biological anthropology in the tombs of Sanisera. During the second part, students will learn about the process of creating a documentary.

Part 1. Bioarchaeology in the Necropolis of Sanisera (Menorca, Spain)

Death in Rome has been studied in Sanisera since we started digging the first necropolis in 2008. So far we have excavated 72 tombs belonging to a Roman cemetery which could have been related to a basilica in the Roman city of Sanisera, which dates from the 4th and 6th centuries AD. The Osteology corpus in this necropolis includes more than 270 individuals.

The fieldwork focuses on funerary structures, specifically inhumation graves. Participants will learn and apply excavation techniques used in biological anthropology when excavating tombs. Students will also participate in lectures on skeletal anatomy and pathologies, classes, and exercises related to the course material. In the laboratory participants will be instructed by an anthropologist and other archaeologists in the classification, study, and conservation of human remains and other related materials found.

Time dedicated to this part of the program: 50%.

Part 2. The archaeological video documentary

This film program consists of two main parts. The first one deals with filming a video documentary so that the audience can get to know more about the archaeological findings, the history of the site and the archaeological work carried out both on site and in the laboratory. In the second part of the course students who participate in this course will learn about the process of creating a documentary: preparing the plot, shooting on the site, selection of scenes, editing the video documentary and sound, as well as different elements regarding audiovisuals.

Time dedicated to this part of the program: 50%.

2. What you will learn

2.1. In the Fieldwork:

- How to dig and which archaeological techniques are used.
- Use and handling of the tools that are used during the excavation process.
- Basic principles of stratigraphy.
- Basic procedures for collecting C14 samples.
- Preparing the plot for a video documentary.

- Shooting on the site.

2.2. *In the Laboratory*

- Cleaning, Inventory and cataloging of recovered human bones during the excavation process.
- Basics of the methods used in human osteological analysis, including skeletal anatomy, palaeodemography and palaeopathology.
- Learning how to identify age, sex and height of buried individuals.
- Relative dating based on the classification of archaeological artifacts discovered in stratigraphic sequence.
- Selection of scenes for editing.
- Editing the video documentary and sound.

2.3. *Theory*

- Introduction to Physical Anthropology and Bioarchaeology
- Skeletal Anatomy –Terminology-: generalities, dental structure, skull and other bones.
- History, archaeology, economy and culture of the Roman civilization.
- Introduction to the History of the Sanisera Site.
- The background to Roman funerary Rituals.
- Minorcan archaeology before the Roman conquest of the Balearic Islands.
- Filming a video documentary.

3. Directed at

If you study anthropology or are interested in studying tombs for the first time, or are interested in studying human remains while also learning concepts of film, editing and video production, this course is a good option for you. This program accommodates participants with or without previous experience.

The combination of anthropology and assembling a documentary related to the research and fieldwork in which you participate **will give you experience in how to communicate and present your work with the highest quality, be it university projects, personal projects or just learning more about communication tools that are increasingly more frequently used.**

This program centers on the excavation of the Roman necropolis of Sanisera. During the first half of the course, participants learn to excavate tombs and in the laboratory learn how to analyze and classify archaeological material, mainly human remains and grave goods discovered during the excavation. During the second half, participants will use the experience they gain in the first part of the course to create a script and produce an archaeological video documentary centered on Roman archaeology following the guidance of an expert.

You will have the opportunity to film real live footage of the excavation of the Roman necropolis of Sanisera and the discovered archaeological material studied such as human remains and grave goods in the laboratory. This program takes place on a Mediterranean island with unique and pristine scenery, next to the sea and stunning Mediterranean landscapes.

Previous knowledge or experience in archaeology or computer systems is not required.

4. Field School life & language

The first half of the course will focus on the excavation in the roman necropolis of Sanisera, where they will work for 8 days. The fieldwork runs 7 hours a day with time dedicated to both excavations, the study of human osteology by the analysis of the skeletal remains and laboratory work on roman pottery.

After the fieldwork in the Necropolis, students will also dedicate 7 hours per day to both video footage while the archaeologists are excavating, and the processing of the digital documentation in order to create the archaeological documentary film.

Participants will also be given lectures on methodology regarding film productions, movie trailers and some examples of the best films about Archaeology.

Courses are given in both English and Spanish. For every seven course days there are two days off.

5. Certificates

At the end of the Field Program, students will receive a certificate of participation stating the hours and activities of the course. Participants that perform exceedingly well in the course may receive a letter of recommendation from our organization upon request.

6. Sessions & Cost

Sessions	Dates	Cost
Session #1	2020 May 19 – June 03	\$ 2100
Session #2	2020 June 06 – June 21	\$ 2100
Session #3	2020 June 26 – July 11	\$ 2100

7. Course fee includes

- Course tuition.
- Video recorder cameras.
- Accommodation in the Student Residency. Two to six per room.
- Walking distance to the historic center, port and beaches.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Daily transportation to/from the archaeological fieldwork.
- Accident insurance at the site.
- In case of needing to process Schengen Visa the mandatory letter of invitation will be written so you can travel and participate in our courses.
- Certificate of participation.

Airfare not included from the student home to/from Menorca (Spain).

8. Spaces available

The course is limited to 6 participants per session. Reservations are only effective when payment of the registration fee is received. If for any reason the course is cancelled, payment is returned according to the field school refund policy.

9. Information and reservations

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