



BLACKFRIARY ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL

Digging the Past
Growing the Future

Who Are We?

We are a dedicated teaching and research field school, in Trim, Co. Meath, Ireland. We are committed to providing the highest standards of training in archaeological field methods within a public archaeology/community archaeology framework.

Since 2010 the BAFS have been undertaking an archaeological research and teaching dig at the Black Friary, in the medieval town of Trim, in the heart of the Boyne Valley, Ireland. The excavations are revealing the buried ruins of a Dominican friary founded in 1263 by Geoffrey de Geneville and are providing a wonderful insight into monastic life and death in medieval Ireland.

The dig is the cornerstone of the multi-award winning Blackfriary Community Heritage and Archaeology Project, working hand in hand with the local community and transforming this once derelict site into a wonderful amenity space and future resource for the townspeople.



Courses

You can choose from courses of a number of week's duration designed to teach you practical field and lab methods and life skills to build on knowledge gained in the classroom. The activities include excavation, bioarchaeology, archaeological survey, site assessment and post-excavation. Field excursions are included. All levels of experience are facilitated, and the courses provide a unique cultural experience that will appeal to students of any discipline.

Internships

There are three internship courses available, minimum of 6 week's duration. They cover excavation, post-excavation and community engagement and can be combined if wished. They have provided past students with a key experience in their academic and work career paths.

Faculty

We are always interested in hearing from faculty who may want to design courses with us for their own students. You can see some of our previous collaborations on our faculty page. We have also designed Service Learning courses for faculty interested in bringing students to work with our community project.

"Great people, great site, great experience! This is a place that changes lives!" - Professor Alison Beach OSU Course Director

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