

STUDENT LIFE IN CASTIGLIONE DEL LAGO

A stone's throw from the water's edge, students live in modernly furnished studio apartments (2-3 students each), a short walking distance from supermarkets, restaurants, and other important venues. All apartments are equipped with furnished kitchens, allowing students to perfect their pasta-making skills.

In keeping with Umbra's focus on community engagement, students have the opportunity to enjoy day-to-day life as a local and experience the enchanting ambience of a real Italian town. Castiglione is a popular venue for summer vacations, filled with pleasant mornings of swimming and sunbathing on the lakeshore or more intensive days of cycling, sailing, wind-and kite-surfing, and canoeing. The beautiful, undulating hills around Lake Trasimeno offer endless opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding.

Bus and train services connect Castiglione directly to other cities, including Rome, Florence, and other popular destinations, making it easy to dash off for a weekend adventure.

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PROGRAM FEES & HOW TO APPLY

Information on fees and the application process for the upcoming summer program is available on the Umbra Institute website at: www.umbra.org/academics/archaeology-summer



PARTNERSHIPS



If you have any questions about the Trasimeno Archaeology Field School or other offerings through Umbra, please contact us at info@umbra.org or visit www.umbra.org. We will be happy to assist you with any information or documentation you may need.



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The Trasimeno Archaeology Field School is based in Castiglione del Lago, a town perched on the shimmering shores of Lake Trasimeno among the green hills of Umbria. The academic program and field excursions offer a curricular concentration in applied archaeology and classical history of central Italy. Recent campaigns in the territory of Castiglione have revealed significant archaeological remains, including Roman homes, building complexes, sarcophagi, and ancient roads—an exciting, backdrop for any aspiring archaeologist. The main objective of the Field School is to assess the original pattern of life and impact in the area, and to subsequently understand its development since antiquity.

THE DIG SITE

The fieldwork will take place on a still unexplored archaeological area located on the shores of Lake Chiusi, on the Umbrian-Tuscan border just a few miles from Castiglione del Lago and Lake Trasimeno. On fieldwork days, a private bus will take students, faculty, and staff to the site for a full-day's work and research. Lunch will be on-site, and students will return home in the midafternoon. Alternating days will be spent in class, at the local museum, or on field trips to nearby sites of interest.

The archaeological site was only recently discovered and has yet to be scientifically explored. Preliminary findings indicate the presence of a Roman villa, including thermal infrastructures, mosaics, and a possible Roman road. The Archaeological Field School is a long term project run in cooperation with local institutions. Every summer, students contribute to the uncovering of the site and the display of artifacts in the expanding archaeological museum of Castiglione del Lago. Join us this summer to explore this exciting discovery and unearth the secrets that lie beneath as we travel back to the time of ancient Rome.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Field School consists of two courses, one theoretical and one practical. Together they provide students with a comprehensive overview of up-to-date theories and methods of archaeological research and fieldwork as applied to the civilizations that shaped the history of central Italy. The program runs for 6 weeks, from the beginning of June through mid-July. Check our website www.umbra.org for details.

ARFW 350—Archaeological Field Workshop • 3 credits

This course is an archaeology practicum. Students work alongside professional archaeological staff to gain fundamental skills in the field of archaeological research and apply them over the course of the project.

ARCL 340—Archaeology in Central Italy:

The Etruscan and Roman Heritage • 3 credits

This course introduces students to the region's history and heritage, a dynamic context for archaeological research. It also provides a theoretical background for the program's hands-on learning.

Both courses are mandatory and have no prerequisites. They include fieldtrips to various archaeological and cultural sites, including an overnight trip to Rome, the Eternal City. These trips are designed to enhance student understanding of the territory's history, while also providing the opportunity to study and visit neighboring archaeological sites and major museum collections.

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HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE AND MODERN TECHNOLOGY

The modern study of archaeology should be a real and living adventure, adventure, in the field as well as in the classroom. The Umbra Institute's mission is to develop a student's expertise in the full range of methods and processes employed in a complete archaeological project, from research design, to methods of data collection in the field, to the cataloging and display of archaeological remains. All modern archaeology begins with a wide range of non-destructive reconnaissance techniques to locate and characterize archaeological sites (e.g., aerial imagery, geophysical prospection, intensive survey).

At the site, students learn how to design an archaeological survey using sophisticated GPS (Global Positioning System) equipment in conjunction with GIS (Geographic Information Systems) computerized mapping techniques to document the location of archaeological finds. Based on these results, fieldwork may include stratigraphic excavation. Students also learn how to process, analyze, and interpret materials collected from the excavation. Daily activities for the archaeological practicum include lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on practice from pre-fieldwork preparation to post-fieldwork processing of data, including strategic work with ceramics and other small finds.

COOPERATION WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

In keeping with Umbra's academic philosophy, the Archaeological Field School is collaborative and aims to involve the community of Castiglione in a long-term relationship. Through a partnership with the municipality, students contribute to the public display of archaeological materials in the local museum, including the layout of the cases, labeling of artifacts, and the production of bilingual brochures and panels to aid museum visitors and enhance visibility and impact.

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