ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

PROGRAM 2020
Populonia, Italy
June 14th- July 11th 2020

The Roman coastal settlement of POGGIO DEL MOLINO
The Archeodig Project announces the opening of applications for its 2020 field season at the Roman seaside settlement of Poggio del Molino (Populonia, Tuscany).

Excavations at Poggio del Molino will be entering their twelfth consecutive year under the direction of Archeodig, an international archaeological project supported in the United States by the University of Arizona.

The archaeological site of Poggio del Molino overlooks the Tyrhennian Sea on a promontory forming the northern edge of the Gulf of Baratti, today a popular beach destination but in Etruscan and Roman times an important center of trade and iron production. At the southern edge of the gulf, just a few kilometers away, rests the Roman city of Populonia. During its long history, the territory around Populonia (including the Gulf of Baratti and Poggio del Molino itself) shifted from Etruscan to Roman control, a process which still presents many unanswered questions and remains a key research focus of the excavations at Poggio del Molino.

Poggio del Molino preserves many centuries of diverse activities and phases of construction including a Roman fortress, a fish-sauce production facility, a seaside villa, and a late antique settlement. After a decade of work, the details of how these changes unfolded over time are still being understood by the archaeologists of the Archeodig project. As an organization which places public and student involvement as a top priority, Archeodig seeks student volunteers for the 2020 field season who wish to develop a foundational knowledge of field archaeology and contribute to the many interesting and ongoing research questions posed by the site of Poggio del Molino.
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### SEASON
June 14, 2020 to July 11, 2020

### SESSION DATES
- **4 WEEK SESSION** (for academic credit) lasts June 14-July 11, 2020
- **2 WEEK SESSION** lasts June 14-June 27, 2020

### CREDIT
Up to 6 hours offered via the University of Arizona

### NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
No field experience or language requirements are necessary for participation. All are welcome to apply.
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ACCOMMODATIONS
Students will stay in comfortable apartments located in Piombino, a city about 15 minutes away from the excavation. Apartments will include a fully equipped kitchen and basic amenities.

LIVING IN PIOMBINO
Piombino is a lively coastal city with a world class archaeological museum and a walkable historical center. After site and during the weekends, students will be free to explore the city as they wish and get a taste for life in a coastal Tuscan town.

FEES
$3200 (4 week period)
$1800 (2 week period)

TUITION
$1,000 (circa; optional)

APPLICATION DEADLINE
April 1, 2020

HOW TO APPLY
For application details please contact:
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