



Mendik Excavation

Step back 10,000 years to the dawn of agriculture and ritual architecture at the Mendik excavation in Southeastern Turkey. This program offers a rare chance to study one of the world's first transitions from hunting and gathering to settled life—where early farming and religious institutions took root. Work alongside professionals in hands-on excavation and artifact analysis while gaining insight into cultural heritage preservation strategies at some of the region's most significant sites. Looking for an authentic taste of adventure and the day-to-day life of an archaeologist? This is the program for you.

Why you'll love this program



Real-World Research

Explore Mendik's groundbreaking role in the Neolithic revolution, uncovering its early shift to settled life.



Field & Lab Skills

Learn excavation techniques, surveying, artifact & ecofact processing & more.



Unforgettable Location

Immerse yourself in authentic Turkish culture, savor distinctive cuisine, & explore nearby UNESCO sites.



Make a Difference

Help preserve an important Neolithic site while supporting the growth of local heritage tourism.

Field School Details

Summer Program in Turkey

- 4-week immersive archaeology research program
- Earn 8 semester credits/12 quarter credits
- Fieldwork, seminars & lab-based research
- Cultural enrichment activities and field trips included
- Shared accommodation in village dig house + meals provided



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Make an IFR Field School Your Next Adventure

Our programs take you straight into the field, where archaeological sites and dynamic ecosystems become your classroom. Don't just study abroad—participate in important research, develop real skills, and make a lasting impact. With IFR, you're not only seeing the world—you're uncovering it.

Admissions at a Glance

- One-on-one guidance available
- Competitive tuition rates
- Simple online application
- Quick decision turnaround
- Rolling enrollment deadlines
- All majors & academic backgrounds welcome



The World is Our Classroom

Immersive field training programs in the U.S. and around the globe ranging from 2-6 weeks in length.



Field Research that Matters

Unique programs in archaeology, environmental science, paleontology and more.



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