

Walhain-St-Paul Project 2020
Summer Archaeology Field School in Belgium
July 4–August 1



We are now recruiting students for the 2020 season of Eastern Illinois University's **Summer Archaeology in Belgium Program!** This year's excavation will run from **July 4 – August 1, 2020**. The program is headed by Dr. Bailey Young, Distinguished Professor of History at EIU, and centers on the excavation of Walhain Castle, near our partner university, the Université catholique de Louvain (UCL). American students work alongside UCL students under the overall direction of the *Centre de Recherches Archeologiques Nationales* (CRAN), based at UCL and currently directed by Professor Laurent Verslype. Students will spend most days excavating early modern (15th-18th c.) as well as medieval (12th-14th c.) remains at the idyllic ruins of Castle Walhain. Additional field school components include artifact handling and documentation as well as lectures by experts in medieval and agricultural history, European archaeology, material culture, and GIS. This year, we're adding brief modules on archives and fieldwalking. In addition, students take guided field trips that introduce them to the larger cultural context, going back to Roman Belgica.





Students earn **4 credits** awarded as they prefer in either History or Earth Sciences (Honors students have special Honors credit). The course is open to all undergraduate and graduate students in good standing, and teams are typically made up of students from a variety of institutions. There are no prerequisites, and no previous background in archaeology is required. All majors are welcome. All work is done in English, and although we will be in the French-speaking part of Belgium, no language background is required.

The cost of the program in 2020, which includes tuition and fees, food, and lodging—but not overseas airfare—is about \$3,200. This is much reduced from previous years! We encourage students to explore additional outside funding options - getting creative has paid off for WSP alums!

Please contact Prof. Bailey Young (bkyoung@eiu.edu) as soon as possible for additional information and an application. You can also learn more by going to Dr. Young's faculty web page, <http://www.eiu.edu/include12/global/profile.php?id=bkyoung>.

You are also invited to check out the Walhain-St-Paul Project on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/CastleWalhain> or our website <https://castlewalhain.wordpress.com/>



We hope you can join us for what promises to be a fun and exciting season at Walhain-St-Paul!