



**NEW ORLEANS**

BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

## **BBFW5304 Archaeological Field Work**

**3 Semester Hours Summer 2023**

**Excavation Dates: June 25 – July 21, 2023**

**Course Dates: May 30 to July 28, 2023**

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### **Mission Statement**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

### **Catalog Description :**

Participation in a major archaeological excavation in Israel provides opportunity for the observation and practice of techniques in field archaeology. During the excavation process, the student observes and participates in methods of excavation, recording, decipherment, classification, cataloguing, and preservation of various finds. Lectures and field trips led by the archaeological staff provide for a comprehensive field experience.

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

- The student will increase his/her understanding and appreciation of the discipline of archaeology as a scientific research discipline.
- The student will develop the skills of:
  - Field method and technique.
  - Evaluating archaeological data in its field context and in relation to history and biblical studies.
  - Field recording, surveying, and strategic planning.
- The student will increase his/her understanding of the value and role of archaeology in interpreting biblical and historical studies.

### **Procedures**

- The student should read all assigned materials prior to class time and be prepared to verbally interact during the discussion while participating in the excavation. PowerPoint and artifact illustrated lectures will supplement the field instruction.
- The student is encouraged to read extensively outside the required reading list.

- Students will participate daily in the excavation project. They will be assigned to a supervisor who will assign daily work tasks.

## Textbooks

### Required Textbooks

- Suzanne Richard (ed.) *Near Eastern Archaeology: A Reader*, Eisenbrauns, 2003.
- Amihai Mazar, *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible, 10,000 - 586 B.C.E.* Anchor Bible Reference Library. Doubleday, 1990.
- Joukowsky, Martha. *A Complete Manual of Field Archaeology*. New York: Prentice-Hall, 1980.

### Supplemental Textbooks

**Note:** The student should also become familiar with the following texts during the course of the term: (note readings in course schedule)

- Ben-Tor, Amnon (ed.), *The Archaeology of Ancient Israel*. Translated by R. Greenberg. Yale: Yale University Press, 1992.
- Alfred Hoerth, *Archaeology and the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998.
- Levy, Thomas E. (ed.), *The Archaeology of Society in the Holy Land*. New York: Facts on File, 1995.
- Meyers, Eric (ed.), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997.
- Stern, Ephraim and others (ed.), *The New Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavations in the Holy Land* (4 vols.). New York: Simon & Schuster, 1993.
- John Currid, *The Case for Biblical Archaeology: Uncovering the Historical Record of God's Old Testament People*. P & R Publishing, 2020.
- James Hoffmeier, *The Archaeology of the Bible*. Lion Scholar, 2019.

## Course Evaluation

Field participation & Lecture attendance	50%
Research Paper	50%

### Research Paper

Each student is required to produce a formal research paper (acc. to Turabian). Papers will be due by July 28, 2023. The research paper should be approximately 18-22 pages in length, inclusive of bibliography. Topics may be chosen after consultation with the professor.

Be sure to make use of the following journals/periodical literature:

BASOR *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*

BAR *Biblical Archaeology Review*

IEJ *Israel Exploration Journal*

LEV *Levant*

NEA *Near Eastern Archaeology (formerly Biblical Archaeologist)*

PEQ *Palestine Exploration Quarterly*

TA *Tel Aviv*

### **Technical Assistance**

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the [Selfserve.nobts.edu](http://Selfserve.nobts.edu) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. [Canvas.NOBTS.com](http://Canvas.NOBTS.com) Click on the “Help” button for technical questions/support requests regarding the NOBTS Canvas System. You can also email questions to [Canvas@nobts.edu](mailto:Canvas@nobts.edu).
3. [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

### **Course Policy**

1. Attendance: Students are expected to attend and participate in the class sessions. Because of the nature of the intensive, students who miss any portion of the class may receive a grade of “F” for the course.
2. Make-up Work:
  - The student is responsible for lecture, work assignment changes, and or quiz/test changes that may occurred during the class period. These are poste via announcements which are mainly posted on BB, so check several times a week.
  - Make-up for a missed quiz/exam is not allowed unless the student has made prevision prior to or immediately after the completion date (such as, in the case of hospitalization, death of a family member, etc.) with the professor.
  - Late assignments – there is 2pts. per day reduction in grade for each day late, after 5 Days the assignment is not counted.

**Plagiarism on Written Assignments.** NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

## Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer. A copy of the approved NOBTS Style Guide can be found in the course Canvas shell, or can be located online at the Writing Center’s page on the seminary website at: <https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf>

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