



BBFW6301 Ceramic Analysis in Field Archaeology New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Excavation Program Dates: June 25 – July 21, 2023
Course Dates: May 29 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.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to ceramics analysis, one of the key means of assessing the material cultures of the Ancient Near East. The course will be taught either on-campus in New Orleans or in Israel in conjunction with our Tel Gezer Excavation Project. Instruction will be assisted by leading ceramics expert(s) in Israel, with daily pottery analysis, visits to archaeology labs, and textbook study. Students will learn the keys and methods for dating, analyzing, and synthesizing data from ceramics for understand material cultures of various ANE civilizations.

Student Learning Outcomes

Through the clinical and textual study of ceramics material derived from archaeological excavations, the students will:

1. Understand the developmental sequences of ceramics materials from the Neolithic through Iron Age periods.
2. Students will develop skill in reading and analyzing pottery through exercising the analytical skills learned.
3. Students will integrate the findings of ceramic analysis in the larger context of developing a knowledge of the material cultures of the ANE.

Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies:

1. The ceramic material will be introduced in an instructional format through lectures.
2. Daily pottery readings on-site at Tel Hadid under the mentorship of Dr. Eli Yannai of the IAA and Prof. Ido Koch of Tel Aviv University.
3. Students will develop skill in reading and analyzing pottery through exercising the analytical skills learned in 1 & 2 above.

Textbooks

Ruth Amiran. *Ancient Pottery of the Holy Land: From Its Beginnings in the Neolithic Period to the End of the Iron Age*. New York: Rutgers Univ. Press, 1970.

Franken, H. J. *A History of Pottery and Potters in Ancient Jerusalem: Excavations by K.M. Kenyon in Jerusalem 1961-1967*.

Seymour Gitin, ed. *The Ancient Pottery of Israel and its Neighbours: From Iron Age to the Hellenistic Period*. Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society, 2015. 3 vols.

Rice, Prudence. *Pottery Analysis: A Sourcebook*. Univ. of Chicago Press, 2006.

Technical Assistance

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

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. Canvas Support – Technology Center ctl@nobts.edu
3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Course Requirements & Evaluation

The student's grade will be computed as follows:

Participation in Daily Pottery Reading Exercises	25%
Pottery Reading Oral Exam	25%
Annotated Bibliography of Readings in Ceramic Analysis	10%
Research Paper on Applied Ceramic Chronology	40%

Attendance Policy

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.

Course Schedule

May 29- June 23 Reading – Textbooks and Assigned Articles
Review Ceramic Analysis Videos and PowerPoints

June 25-July 21 Tel Hadid Excavation Project

Including Lectures on Archaeological Method: Ceramic Typology and Stratigraphy
Lectures and Readings on Bronze Age Ceramics
Lectures and Readings on Iron Age Ceramics
Lectures and Readings on Persian and Hellenistic Ceramics
Lectures and Readings on Greco-Roman and Byzantine Ceramics

July 21-28 Research & Writing - Paper Presentation –
Due Date July 28

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