



**NEW ORLEANS**  
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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## **BBFW5304 Archaeological Field Work**

**3 Semester Hours**

**Summer 2019**

**Excavation Program Dates: May 31 - June 27, 2019**

**Course Dates: May 25 to July 26, 2019**

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### **Mission Statement**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

### **Course Purpose, Core Value Focus, and Curriculum Competencies**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. This course addresses Doctrinal Integrity in that the course is designed to prepare the student to grow in the understanding of the Word of God in the context of Ancient and Modern Israel in the proper interpretation of archaeological evidence. Characteristic Excellence is also addressed in that the student should be as prepared as possible in knowledge and spiritual walk to be ministers for Christ. This course addresses the competency of Biblical Exposition by preparing the student to interpret and communicate the Bible accurately utilizing tools and resources in the history, archaeology, and geography of the Ancient Near East.

### **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.
- 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. Slide and artifact illustrated lectures will supplement the field instruction.
- The student is encouraged to read 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 (on reserve in the library)

**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.

## Course Evaluation

Field attendance and participation	50%
Research Paper (graduate)	50%

## Research Paper

Each student is required to produce a formal research paper (acc. to Turabian). Papers will be due by July 26, 2019. The research paper should be approximately 16-20 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	<i>Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research</i>
BAR	<i>Biblical Archaeology Review</i>
IEJ	<i>Israel Exploration Journal</i>
LEV	<i>Levant</i>
NEA	<i>Near Eastern Archaeology (formerly Biblical Archaeologist)</i>
PEQ	<i>Palestine Exploration Quarterly</i>
TA	<i>Tel Aviv</i>

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