

## **Biblical Archaeology Major**

Total Major hours: 36

Suggested hours per semester: 14-16

## Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2025-2026

purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

Fall Semester 1	Spring Semester 1	Summer 1
ARCH 211 Old Testament Archaeology <sup>1, 4</sup>	ARCH 213 New Testament Archaeology <sup>1, 4</sup>	Consider ARCH 325/326/327:
HEBR 101 or GREK 101	HEBR 102* or GREK 102*	Excavation in Israel (8) <sup>2</sup>
CORE 101: First Year Seminar CORE 131: Holistic Human Flourishing (1) First-Year CATC options-  COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)  ENGW 103: First-Year Writing	First-Year CATC options	Consider study, internship or research options – Wheaton In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research
Fall Semester 2	Spring Semester 2	Summer 2
ARCH 366 Archaeology of Biblical Lands* Hebrew 201* or Greek 201*	Interdisciplinary Emphasis <sup>5</sup> ARCH 365 Statecraft and International Relations in the Ancient Near East or ARCH 369 Religions of Israel and the	Consider ARCH 325/326/327: Excavation in Israel (8) <sup>2</sup> or Wheaton in the Holy Lands <sup>4</sup>
	Near East <sup>S#</sup>	Consider study, internship or research options – Wheaton
Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (8) BITH 315 Christian Thought* or BITH 374 Systematic Theology*	BITH 451 Greek Exegesis* (2) or BITH 443 Hebrew Exegesis* (2)	In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research
	Advanced Integrative Seminar?*	
Fall Semester 3	Spring Semester 3	Summer 3
BITH 452 Issues in New Testament Studies or BITH 431 Issues in Old Testament Studies (2) Interdisciplinary Emphasis <sup>5</sup> ARCH 345 Archaeology of the Classical	ARCH 334 Historical Geography (2) <sup>1, 3, 4, 6</sup> ARCH 365 Statecraft and International Relations in the Ancient Near East or ARCH 369 Religions of Israel and the Near East <sup>S# 3, 4</sup>	Consider ARCH 325/326/327: Excavation in Israel (8) <sup>2</sup> or Wheaton in the Holy Lands <sup>4</sup> Consider study, internship or
World (2) <sup>6</sup> Consider semester off campus		research options – Wheaton In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major
Advanced Integrative Seminar?* Thematic Core Course (4-8)	Advanced Integrative Seminar?* Thematic Core Course (4-8)	internship, summer research
Fall Semester 4	Spring Semester 4	Summer 4
BITH 452 Issues in Modern New	ARCH 412 Advanced Archaeological Study	
Testament Studies or BITH 431 Issues in New Testament Studies (2), if not complete	(2) ARCH 494 Senior Capstone* (2) Complete Major Coursework	
Consider semester off campus  Thematic Core Course (4-8)  Complete CATC Coursework	Complete CATC Coursework	

## **Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:**

- \*Course has prerequisite
- <sup>F</sup> Fall only course
- <sup>S</sup> Spring only course
- \*Offered every other year
- <sup>1</sup> Courses that meet the CATC Core Shared Core requirement: ARCH 211 (Old Testament), ARCH 213 (New Testament), BITH 374 (Systematic Theology) or BITH 315 (Christian Thought). ARCH courses meet Thematic Core requirements: ARCH 365 (HP, SI), ARCH 366 (HP, SI), ARCH 369 (LE, PI), ARCH 325 (SI), ARCH 326 (GP, HI), ARCH 327 (SP). Elective courses in the major may also be Thematic Core tagged courses. A maximum of three may count for both the ARCH major and the CATC Thematic Core requirements.
- <sup>2</sup> Excavation is not offered every year. It should be taken as soon as possible.
- <sup>3</sup> Students interested in studying for a semester in Jerusalem can fulfill 10-12 hours toward the major, including ARCH 334, ARCH 369, and courses in the Interdisciplinary Emphasis.
- <sup>4</sup> Six hours from the Wheaton in the Holy Lands (summer) program will replace ARCH 334 and ARCH 369 toward the completion of the major. More information about the Wheaton in the Holy Lands program, including the course offerings for a summer term, can be found through the Global Programs and Studies office or through the Wheaton in the Holy Lands program director. Students are encouraged to consult with their Archaeology advisor if they are considering participating in the Wheaton in the Holy Lands program.
- <sup>5</sup> The major requires 6 hours in 300-level courses for its Interdisciplinary Emphasis requirement. These courses can be from Anthropology, Sociology, Ancient Languages, Biblical Studies, or Geology.

<sup>6</sup>ARCH 345 and ARCH 334 are offered irregularly. See ARCH faculty for additional information.