

ATARUZ JORDAN DIG

STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2023



Experience life in Jordan on an archaeological excavation at Ataruz. Gain valuable experience in the field as you are trained in archaeological methodologies and approaches with the opportunity to apply these skills within a controlled archaeological excavation. Students are an invaluable resource for our dig and will be given opportunities of leadership, growth, and new-skill development that will be invaluable to your future pursuits. Work side by side with local Jordanians and experience the rich cultural heritage and history of Jordan as we excavate this ancient Iron Age temple complex within the borders of ancient Moab. Throughout the experience, students work closely with locals and faculty in a multicultural and interfaith environment. One of the program's goals is to provide you with invaluable experience and training that will open more opportunities as you progress through your future studies and careers. Plus, it's a lot of fun!

Throughout the excavation, students and faculty visit relevant historical and religious sites and discuss important events that ensued there. Locations include Mount Nebo (with its numerous ties to the Exodus, Moses, and the content of books such as Deuteronomy, Joshua, and Judges), Machaerus (traditional site, according to the ancient historian Josephus, where Salome danced before Herod Antipas and John the Baptist was beheaded), Bethany (traditional site on the Jordan River where Jesus was said to have been baptized), Greek Orthodox and Franciscan churches (such as those dedicated to the memory of John the Baptist and the famous St. George Church, which contains a mosaic map of the Holy Land from the sixth century AD), and, of course, Petra and other archaeological sites. An overnight trip to the Wadi Rum may also be a possibility. These field trips become places of learning, inquiry, and discussion, and at times they become spiritual pilgrimages with many testimony-strengthening moments.

DATES

24 June–17 July 2023 (approx.)

HOUSING

Students will stay in the Miriam Hotel in Madaba, Jordan.

COURSES

ANES 353R—Archeological Field Work (2 credit hours)

Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST

\$2,900–3,400

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, group transportation and field trips, meals, and international health insurance.

Does not include airfare, prep course tuition, or personal expenses.

TRAVEL

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent.

BYU Travel | 280 HRCB | (801) 422-6293 | travel@byu.edu

PREPARATION

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). Students are also required to take the ANES 390R—Directed Readings (1 credit hour) course held during the second block of winter semester 2023 as part of their preparation for this international experience.

Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.

FUNDING SOURCES

Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a Study Abroad scholarship. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

Scholarships and other financial resources towards the cost of the trip and airfare are available. Contact Dr. Aaron Schade at aaron_schade@byu.edu.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply. A nonrefundable \$35 application fee is required; applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Application Deadline: 15 December 2022

FACULTY

Aaron Schade is a professor of Ancient Scripture. He teaches courses on religion and ancient Near Eastern languages, history, and archaeology. He is the co-director of the Khirbat Ataruz Excavation.

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

This is a summer term program. Students should refrain from scheduling late arrivals and early departures.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

International Study Programs

101 HRCB | (801) 422-3686 | isp@byu.edu | kennedy.byu.edu/isp

PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.