The 2024 Department of Anthropology/Archaeology Field School is a hands-on intensive research program in field archaeology that will take place in Petra, Jordan. The field school is directed by Professor David Johnson who will be continuing his excavations in Wadi Mataha. Participants will have the opportunity to work at Wadi Mataha and receive intensive training in excavation, lab processing and analysis of excavated artifacts, and cultural heritage site conservation and management. All participants will also receive intensive training in Nabataean/Roman era archaeology.

DATES
10 May–8 June 2024

HOUSING
Students will live in the local Bedouin village of Umm Sayhun. This will allow students to benefit from a cultural immersion experience in a modern Muslim community setting.

COURSES
Students must register for 6 credit hours during the field program.
ANTHR 455R Field School of Anthropology (6 credit hours during spring term)

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 for the spring field school only (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), food, lodging, and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include airfare (typically $1,400–1,600), some meals, and 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.
PREPARATION
All anthropology students must have taken ANTHR 110 and ANTHR 215. Students from related majors such as MESA, ANES, CLASSICS, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (ANTHR 454, 2 credit hour). This class will be held during the Winter 2024 semester.

You must have a passport that does not expire within six months of the length of the project stay in Jordan. You must have a valid passport to be accepted into the winter 2021 required Prep Course, ANTHR 454.

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).

AIA (Archaeological Institute of America) and ASOR (American Schools of Oriental Research) also have grants for first-time field school participants on their websites.

Van Pelt scholarship awards up to $1,000 for undergraduate and graduate students in Anthropology. Apply through the Anthropology Department.

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.

Deadline: 1 December 2023

FACULTY
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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
All students will need to travel together to Jordan and arrive on the designated date. They will also need to travel back to the US together.

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.