

ARCHAEOLOGY - UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

The Undergraduate Minor in Archaeology is an interdisciplinary program through which students develop a deeper understanding of global culture change and the long-term anthropogenic impacts to our planet. Archaeologists use the material evidence of landscapes, sites, and artifacts to reconstruct past lifeways and interpret human behavioral variation and cultural change. They apply their knowledge to promote stewardship of cultural resources and respect for diverse pasts. The minor offers students the opportunity to acquire training in archaeology through experiential learning of field data collection techniques, laboratory analysis of archaeological materials, and cross disciplinary skills needed for careers in public and private cultural resource management, historic preservation, and heritage conservation. NMSU occupies a strategic position as a land grant institution in a multi-cultural regional setting, combined with its geographic location on a binational border. Students in different programs can use the minor in archaeology to enhance their undergraduate degrees and prepare themselves professionally to seek careers and graduate degrees in archaeology, public lands management, environmental sciences, public history, geography, or teaching.

The minor requires 18 credit hours, distributed as follows.

- At least 12 credits must be earned in upper division (300+) courses.
- At least one course and no more than two courses (6 credits) must be earned in a field other than Anthropology.
- At least three credits must be earned in each division – required, area studies, field methods, and laboratory methods.

Prefix	Title	Credits
Required Courses		18

ANTH 315	Introduction to Archaeology (required Archaeological Method & Theory course)	
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Select a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 credits in Area Studies in Archaeology from the following:

ANTH 1160G	World Archaeology	
GEO 1110G	Physical Geology	
HNRS 2172G	Archaeology: Search for the Past	
ANTH 312	The Ancient Maya	
ANTH 313V	Ancient Mexico	
ANTH 467	Archaeology of Ancient Southwest	
ANTH 318	Historical Archaeology	
ANTH 414	Archaeology of Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion	
ANTH 463	Cultural Resource Management I	
HIST 371	Greek Civilization: From Helen of Troy to Alexander the Great	
HIST 372	Roman Civilization	

Select a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 credits in Field Methods from the following:

ANTH 389	Archaeological Mapping	
ANTH 388	Archaeological Field School	
or ANTH 488	Advanced Archaeological Field School	
GEOG 353	Geomorphology	

Select a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 9 credits in Laboratory Methods and Analysis from the following:

ANTH 375	Pottery Analysis in Archaeology	
ANTH 376	Lithic Technology Organization	

ANTH 378	Lab Methods in Archaeology	
ANTH 464	Curation Crisis in Archaeology	
ANTH 474	Human Osteology	
ANTH 477	Zooarchaeology	
GEOG 381	Cartography and GIS	
GEO 1150	Introduction to Rocks and Minerals (pre/co-requisite GEOL 1110G)	

Total Credits **18**

Notes:

- Students who earn a B.A. in Anthropology may also earn a minor in Archaeology.
- Students earning the minor must pass 18 credits with grades of C- or higher.
- Students may count S grades only in courses in which all grades are S/U.
- Alternate courses may be substituted with approval of the advisor for the minor.