



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Historical archaeology

Academic year 2025-2026

1. Programme-related data

1.1. Higher Education Institution	Babeş-Bolyai University
1.2. Faculty	Faculty of History and Philosophy
1.3. Department	Doctoral School of History, Culture, Civilization
1.4. Field	History
1.5. Level of study	Doctoral
1.6. Degree programme / Qualification	Doctor of History (PhD) (Level 8 CNC/EQF)
1.7. Form of education	Full-time, Part-time

2. Course-related data

2.1. Course title	Historical archaeology			Course code	ICC_007
2.2. Course coordinator	CS I dr. habil. Florin Gogâltan				
2.3. Seminar coordinator	CS I dr. habil. Florin Gogâltan				
2.4. Year of study		2.5. Semester		2.6. Type of assessment	Exam
2.7. Course status	Optional		2.8. Course type	Specialisation subject	

3. Total estimated time (hours per semester of teaching activities)

3.1. Number of hours per week	3	of which: 3.2. course	2	3.3. seminar/ laboratory/ project	1
3.4. Total of hours in the curriculum	36	of which: 3.5. course	24	3.6. seminar/ laboratory	12
Time allocation for individual study (IS) and self-taught activities (ST)					hours
Learning from textbooks, course materials, bibliography, and notes (IS)					14
Additional research in the library, on subject-specific electronic platforms, and on-site					30
Preparing seminars/ laboratories/ projects, assignments, reports, portfolios, and essays					50
Tutoring (professional guidance)					20
Examinations					10
Other activities: two-way communication with the course coordinator					
3.7. Total hours of individual study (IS) and self-taught activities (ST)				164	
3.8. Total hours per semester				200	
3.9. Number of credits				8	

4. Prerequisites (where applicable)

4.1. curriculum-related	None
4.2. skills-related	None

5. Specific conditions (where applicable)

5.1. course-related	Room with video projector.
5.2. seminar/laboratory-related	Participation and discussions at the seminar



6. Learning outcomes specific to the discipline

Competency
1. Introducing students enrolled in the Doctoral School "History. Civilization. Culture" to general concepts of historical archaeology.
2. To familiarize students enrolled in the Doctoral School "History. Civilization. Culture" with concepts related to historical archaeology in the Anglo-American language space.
3. Providing students enrolled in the Doctoral School "History. Civilization. Culture" with an introduction to historical archaeology in the German-speaking world.
4. Acquainting students enrolled in the Doctoral School "History. Civilization. Culture" with concepts related to historical archaeology in the Carpathian Basin.
5. Historical archaeology in Romania.
Professional competencies
1. Introduction to a new field of archaeological research in Romania.
2. Acquiring a complex methodology for archaeological research.
3. Using written sources to interpret archaeological data.
4. Using cartographic sources to interpret archaeological data.
5. How to use archaeological info to fill in historical gaps.
Accountability and autonomy
1. Management of complex professional activities or projects
2. Demonstration of a high level of innovation, scientific and professional integrity
3. Developing new ideas or concepts related to the chosen type of research

7. Contents

7.1. Course	Teaching and learning methods	Remarks¹
1. Introductory course: discussion of the issues and basic bibliography	Exposure combined with active-participatory methods, problem-solving, investigation, heuristic conversation.	
2. Basic concepts of the course. Archaeology of pre-modern, modern, and contemporary times.	Exposure combined with active-participatory methods, problem-solving, investigation, heuristic conversation.	
3. Archaeology of the recent past in Romania.	Exposure combined with active-participatory methods, problem-solving, investigation, heuristic conversation.	
4. Postmedieval archaeology/Archaeology of the premodern era.	Exposure combined with active-participatory methods, problem-solving, investigation, heuristic conversation.	
5. Urban archaeology.	Exposure combined with active-participatory methods, problem-solving, investigation, heuristic conversation.	
6. Archeology of the modern era in Romania.	Exposure combined with active-participatory methods, problem-solving, investigation, heuristic conversation.	
7. Industrial archaeology.	Exposure combined with active-participatory methods, problem-solving, investigation, heuristic conversation.	

¹ For example, organisational aspects, recommendations for students, specific aspects relating to the course/seminar, such as inviting experts in the field, etc.



8. Contemporary archaeology.	Exposure combined with active-participatory methods, problem-solving, investigation, heuristic conversation.	
9. Archaeology of the First World War.	Exposure combined with active-participatory methods, problem-solving, investigation, heuristic conversation.	
10. Archaeology of World War II.	Exposure combined with active-participatory methods, problem-solving, investigation, heuristic conversation.	
11. The archaeology of anti-communist resistance in Romania.	Exposure combined with active-participatory methods, problem-solving, investigation, heuristic conversation.	
12. Archaeology of the mountain landscape in Romania	Exposure combined with active-participatory methods, problem-solving, investigation, heuristic conversation.	

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7.2. Seminar/ laboratory	Teaching and learning methods	Remarks
<p>1. Historical archaeology in the Anglo-American language area. Debates based on the bibliography:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ivor N. Hume, <i>Historical Archaeology</i>, New York, Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 1968; - Charles E. Orser Jr., <i>A Historical Archaeology of the Modern World</i>, New York, London, Plenum Press, 1996; - Anders Andrén, <i>Between Artifacts and Texts. Historical Archaeology in Global Perspective</i>, New York, Springer, 1998; - Christine Howard-Davis, <i>The Historical Archaeology of Britain, c. 1540–1900</i>, Stroud, Sutton Publishing, 2001 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -interactive seminar based on discussions / multimedia presentations -text commentary, debate -discussions based on examples 	
<p>2. Promoting historical archaeology in journals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Journal of Historical Archaeology; - Historical Archaeology; - Post-Medieval Archaeology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -interactive seminar based on discussions / multimedia presentations -text commentary, debate -discussions based on examples 	
<p>3. New tools for popularizing historical archaeology. Encyclopaedias and dictionaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dan Hicks, Mary C. Beaudry (Eds.), <i>The Cambridge Companion to Historical Archaeology</i>, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2006; - Teresita Majewski, David Gaimster (Eds.), <i>International Handbook of Historical Archaeology</i>, New York, Springer, 2009; - Paul Graves-Brown, Rodney Harrison, Angela Piccini (Eds.), <i>The Oxford Handbook of the Archaeology of the Contemporary World</i>, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2013; - Charles E. Orser Jr. et al., (Eds.), <i>The Routledge Handbook of Global Historical Archaeology</i>. London, Routledge, 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -interactive seminar based on discussions / multimedia presentations -text commentary, debate -discussions based on examples 	
<p>4. Historical archaeology in the German-speaking world. Debates based on the bibliography:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Günther P. Fehring, <i>Einführung in die Archäologie des Mittelalters</i>, Darmstadt, Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, 1987; - Günther P. Fehring, <i>Stadtarchäologie in Deutschland</i>, Stuttgart, Theiß, 1996; - Sören Frommer, <i>Historische Archäologie. Versuch einer methodologischen Grundlegung der Archäologie als Geschichtswissenschaft</i>. Büchenbach, Dr. Faustus, 2007; - Barbara Scholkmann, Hauke Kenzler, Rainer Schreg (Hrsg.), <i>Archäologie des Mittelalters und der Neuzeit. Grundwissen</i>, Darmstadt, Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, 2016 ; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -interactive seminar based on discussions / multimedia presentations -text commentary, debate -discussions based on examples 	



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<p>5. Institutionalization of historical archaeology in German-speaking universities: - https://www.uni-bamberg.de/amanz/; - https://studienangebot.uni-halle.de/archaeologie-des-mittelalters-und-der-neuzeit-master-45-75; - https://uni-tuebingen.de/fakultaeten/philosophische-fakultaet/fachbereiche/altertums-und-kunstwissenschaften/ur-und-fruehgeschichte-und-archaeologie-des-mittelalters/studium/master-archaeologie-des-mittelalters-und-der-neuzeit/; - https://www.studium.uni-kiel.de/de/studienangebot/studienfaecher/praehistorische-und-historische-archaeologie-ba-fachergaenzung; - https://studieren.univie.ac.at/studienangebot/bachelor-und-diplomstudien/urgeschichte-und-historische-archaeologie-bachelor</p>	<p>-interactive seminar based on discussions / multimedia presentations -text commentary, debate -discussions based on examples</p>	
<p>6. Promotion of historical archaeology in German-language periodicals: -https://www.histarch.uni-kiel.de/ -Beiträge zur Mittelalter- und Neuzeitarchäologie in Österreich -https://www.oegmn.or.at/publikationen/bmoe.html</p>	<p>-interactive seminar based on discussions / multimedia presentations -text commentary, debate -discussions based on examples</p>	
<p>7. Medieval and Early Modern Archaeology at Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest: - https://www.btk.elte.hu/szervezetek/nepvandorlas-kories-kozepkori-regeszeti-tanszek</p>	<p>-interactive seminar based on discussions / multimedia presentations -text commentary, debate -discussions based on examples</p>	
<p>8. Historical archaeology in Romania. Case study: the Austrian quarantine at Pricске: Andrea Demjén, Florin Gogâltan, <i>Cercetări arheologice la contumaz Pricске (2009-2013)</i>, în Dobos Alpár et al. (Eds.), <i>Archaeologia Transsilvanica. Studia in honorem Stephani Bajusz</i>, Cluj-Napoca, Târgu-Mureș, Budapest, Societatea Muzeului Ardelean, 2015, p. 369-377; - Andrea Demjén, <i>A pricskei erőd és vesztegintézet régészeti kutatása</i>, în Demjén A. (Szerk.), <i>Gyergyószentmiklós a régészeti kutatások tükrében</i>, p. 135-194; - Andrea Demjén, <i>The Tobacco Pipes Discovered at the Quarantine in Pricске (Harghita County)</i>, în „Ziridava. Studia Archaeologica”, 32, 2018, p. 221-252; - Andrea Demjén, <i>Analysis of the Stove Tiles Discovered at the Pricске Quarantine (Harghita County)</i>, în „Ziridava. Studia Archaeologica”, 33, 2019, p. 179-204; - Andrea Demjén, „... az Contumatzban bezárva maradni nem akarnak, sőt a kerteken által ugranak” <i>A pricskei vesztegintézet a 18. században</i>, în „Magyar Régészet Online Magazin”, Tél, 2020, p. 39-51; - Andrea Demjén, „...They don't want to be locked up in the Contumatz, and jump over the fences...” <i>The Pricске quarantine institution in the eighteenth century</i>, în „Hungarian Archaeology, E-Journal”, Winter, 2020, p. 57-69; - Andrea Demjén, <i>Glass Artefacts Uncovered at the Pricске Quarantine Facility (Harghita County)</i>, în „Ziridava. Studia Archaeologica”, 34, 2020, 489-500; - Andrea Demjén, Florin Gogâltan, <i>Contumatz Pricске. A study of Historical Archaeology</i>, în „Studia Antiqua et Archaeologica”, 27/2, 2021, p. 1-30</p>	<p>-interactive seminar based on discussions / multimedia presentations -text commentary, debate -discussions based on examples</p>	
<p>9. Historical archaeology in Romania. Case study: the 17th-19th century customs post at Ghimeș-Făget:</p>	<p>-interactive seminar based on discussions / multimedia presentations</p>	



<p>- Andrea Demjén, Florin Gogâltan, <i>The Ciuc-Ghimes Quarantine (18th-19th Centuries). Archaeological Researches of the Former Customs Point "Cetatea Rákóczi"</i>, în „Ziridava. Studia Archaeologica”, 31, 2017, p. 301-324;</p> <p>- Andrea Demjén, <i>A gyimesbükki Rákóczi-vár története (17-19. század) (The history of Rákóczi Fortification in Ghimes-Făget (17th-19th century)</i>, în Tótfós Áron (Szerk.), <i>Studia Historica Transylvaniensia 1, Fejezetek Erdély történetéről</i>, Nagyvárad, 2018, p. 45-68</p>	<p>-text commentary, debate -discussions based on examples</p>	
<p>10. Historical archaeology in Romania. Case study: pre-industrial water mills: - Cristian Floca et al., <i>Using the water power in preindustrial Banat. A historical archaeology study on the Lower Timiş River</i>, în „Ziridava. Studia Archaeologica”, 35, 2021, p. 371-418.</p>	<p>-interactive seminar based on discussions / multimedia presentations -text commentary, debate -discussions based on examples</p>	
<p>11. Historical archaeology in Romania. Case study: mountain landscape archaeology: - Valeriu Sîrbu, Dan Ştefan, Maria-Magdalena Ştefan (Eds.), <i>Hidden Landscapes. The Lost Roads, Borders and Battlefields of the South-Eastern Carpathians</i>, Târgovişte, Cetatea de Scaun, 2022.</p>	<p>-interactive seminar based on discussions / multimedia presentations -text commentary, debate -discussions based on examples</p>	
<p>Bibliography</p> <p>See Course</p>		

8. Evaluation

Type of activity	8.1 Evaluation criteria	8.2 Evaluation methods ²	9.3 Percentage in the final grade
8.4. Course	Accurate and complete disclosure of information	Examination	30%
8.5. Seminar/ laboratory	Presentations during the semester	Presentation evaluation	70%
<p>9.6 Minimum standard for passing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and carrying out individual oral presentations at seminars: debate, commentary, exercises. • Elaboration of a final topic, of high complexity, which demonstrates knowledge of advanced research methods in philosophy and the principles of ethics and academic integrity. • Any appeal of the grade obtained in the final evaluation must be accompanied by a request from the student for a re-evaluation of the work. The result of this re-evaluation will be presented to the students within 2 days from the date of the appeal. 			

Date of entry:
June 2025

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Signature of the Doctoral School

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² Both final evaluation methods and ongoing evaluation strategies should be established.



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