

## Term Information

Effective Term Autumn 2024

## General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area Anthropology  
Fiscal Unit/Academic Org Anthropology - D0711  
College/Academic Group Arts and Sciences  
Level/Career Graduate, Undergraduate  
Course Number/Catalog 5685.04  
Course Title Summer Field School in Archaeology - Poland  
Transcript Abbreviation SmrFldSchlPoland  
Course Description Site Gz10, in Giecz, Poland was only recently discovered, and is an inhumation cemetery dating to the beginning of the 11th century AD (early Medieval). The Mortuary Archaeology Field School in Giecz welcomes all levels of students wishing to gain practical experience in excavating human remains and other aspects of mortuary archaeology and bioarchaeology.  
Semester Credit Hours/Units Variable: Min 2 Max 15

## Offering Information

Length Of Course 14 Week, 12 Week, 8 Week, 7 Week, 6 Week, 4 Week  
Flexibly Scheduled Course Sometimes  
Does any section of this course have a distance education component? No  
Grading Basis Letter Grade  
Repeatable Yes  
Allow Multiple Enrollments in Term Yes  
Max Credit Hours/Units Allowed 18  
Max Completions Allowed 4  
Course Components Field Experience  
Grade Roster Component Field Experience  
Credit Available by Exam No  
Admission Condition Course No  
Off Campus Always  
Campus of Offering Columbus

## Prerequisites and Exclusions

Prerequisites/Corequisites Permission of Instructor  
Exclusions  
Electronically Enforced No

## Cross-Listings

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## Subject/CIP Code

**Subject/CIP Code** 45.0201  
**Subsidy Level** Baccalaureate Course  
**Intended Rank** Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Masters, Doctoral

**Requirement/Elective Designation**

The course is an elective (for this or other units) or is a service course for other units

**Course Details**

**Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes** • This course will provide students with an in-depth knowledge of archaeological field methods – including excavation, and mapping, as well as bioarchaeological field and research methods – recovery, restoration, and analysis of human skeletal remains.

**Content Topic List**

- Human osteology
- Bioarchaeology
- Excavation
- Mapping
- Human burials
- Conservation

**Sought Concurrence** No

**Attachments**

• OSU field school syllabus - SU24.docx: Syllabus  
*(Syllabus. Owner: Palazzo, Sarah Rose)*

**Comments**

• Sent back to change number to .04 *(by Vankeerbergen, Bernadette Chantal on 02/02/2024 01:46 PM)*

• This course has been offered in the past as one-time offerings under the number "5685." Typically offered at 4.5 credits but subject to change. Upon approval, this course will continue to be scheduled as a one-time offering, as it is non-traditional. *(by Palazzo, Sarah Rose on 01/04/2024 10:22 AM)*

**Workflow Information**

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	Palazzo, Sarah Rose	01/09/2024 09:15 AM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Guatelli-Steinberg, Debra	01/09/2024 10:00 AM	Unit Approval
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## **Field School in Archaeology: Anthropology 5685**

**Course Director:** Dr. Amanda Agnew (Amanda.agnew@osumc.edu)

**Office Hours and Location:** by appointment. 2066 Graves Hall or Zoom

**Time and Location:** June 24 – July 17 **OR** July 18 – August 10

Monday-Friday 8 am – 3 pm. Select days 5 – 7 pm. Rezerwat Archeologiczny – Gród Piastowski w Gieczu- Grodziszczko 2, 63-012 Giecz, Poland

**Students with Disabilities:** STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR NEEDS KNOWN TO THE INSTRUCTOR IMMEDIATELY UPON ADMISSION IN THE COURSE, AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEKING AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE FROM THE OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES 614-292-3307, PRIOR TO OR AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER. I RELY ON THE OFFICE FOR DISABILITY SERVICES FOR ASSISTANCE IN VERIFYING THE NEED FOR ACCOMMODATIONS AND DEVELOPING ACCOMMODATION STRATEGIES.

**Introduction:** Site Gz10, in Giecz, Poland was only recently discovered, and is an inhumation cemetery dating to the beginning of the 11<sup>th</sup> century AD (early Medieval). Burials are oriented East-West following Christian rite, and most contain typical Slavic grave goods including iron knives and various jewelry. Human skeletal remains are well preserved. Excavations have revealed 175+ burials to-date, including males, females, and children. The Mortuary Archaeology Field School in Giecz welcomes all levels of students wishing to gain practical experience in excavating human remains and other aspects of mortuary archaeology and bioarchaeology. As the cemetery is located beneath an agricultural field and is subject to destructive deep plowing, the excavation provides hands-on experience, but also plays a critical role in conserving and protecting an exceptional historical site.

**Excavation and Lecture Schedule:** Excavation will take place daily, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm, with a short lunch break at 11 am. Given the didactic value of direct involvement in – and observation of the progression of – archaeological investigation, students are expected to actively contribute to the excavation and all related activities for the entire duration of the field school. The excavation areas at site 10 in Giecz (Gz10) will likely all contain human burials, but some areas may differ somewhat in their investigation focus if additional features are discovered. There is no guarantee that all participants will be equally involved in the excavation of human remains. Laboratories will be held daily in parallel with excavation. Laboratory activities will include cleaning, labeling, restoring, and analyzing skeletal remains and artifacts, as well as elaboration of maps or other records. Such activities will be held at the instructors' discretion and will coincide with the needs of the project at that time. Lectures may be given in the evening once or more per week beginning at 5 pm. In case of inclement

weather, excavation will be replaced with laboratory activities and lectures. The field school is not in session during weekends, giving students the opportunity to enjoy their stay in Poland. Students are welcome to take sightseeing trips to other cities, provided that they inform the instructors of their whereabouts and return on time for regular excavation and lecture activities.

**Academic Misconduct:** All students should become familiar with what constitutes academic misconduct and the rules governing alleged academic misconduct. Ignorance of the rules governing academic misconduct or ignorance of what constitutes academic misconduct is not an acceptable defense. Alleged cases of academic misconduct are referred to the proper university committees.

**Course Objectives:** The field school is designed to provide all participants with an in-depth knowledge of archaeological field methods – including excavation, and mapping, as well as bioarchaeological field and research methods – recovery, restoration, and analysis of human skeletal remains. Practical, hands-on archaeological experience in the field will be complemented by laboratory activity and lectures on the practice of human osteology in the context of bioarchaeology.

**Course Materials:**

1. Text: White & Folkens. 2005. The Human Bone Manual. Academic Press. ISBN-10: 0120884674
2. Field/lab notebook and pencils

**Course Requirements:** Students are expected to participate in all aspects of field school including excavation, laboratory activities, as well as lectures. All students enrolled in the course will receive a final letter grade based on participation and performance in excavation (25%) and laboratory (25%) activities, completion of a satisfactory field journal (25%), and overall conduct, contribution, and attitude for the entire duration of the field school (25%).