

Centre for Community Engagement
Lifelong learning

Archaeology training courses

at Barcombe Roman site
near Lewes, East Sussex

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University of Sussex

Barcombe Roman site

Following two seasons of excavations the Barcombe Roman Project will continue in 2010 in Church Field where the remains of a Roman bath-house have been revealed.

The excavations will again be a joint project directed by David Rudling of the University of Sussex and Chris Butler of the Mid Sussex Field Archaeological Team. University of Sussex summer training courses will form part of this research project.



Training courses

All courses are suitable either for beginners or for those with some experience, ie those considering archaeology at university (minimum age 16), amateur archaeologists, undergraduates, and those undertaking university extra-mural courses in archaeology.

Introduction to Field Archaeology 4 Saturdays

Taking you from theory to archaeology in the field, a day of site visits is followed by three days where surveying and excavation techniques are taught. Suitable for beginners.

Dates: 12, 26 June, 10, 24 July

Code: X9003

Fee: £180 full (£125 concs)

Credits: 12 at level 1

An Introduction to On-site Conservation 1 day

We will be looking at principles and practices associated with the excavation, packaging and on-site care of artefacts. Some practical work will be included, covering packaging techniques and the lifting of fragile artefacts.

Date: Saturday 17 July

Code: X90148

Fee: £50 full (£25 concs)

No credits

Excavation Training 1/2/3/4/5 **5 days**

Includes excavation techniques, context records, recording plans and sections, photography, environmental sampling, finds processing, on-site surveying techniques and geophysical prospecting methods.

<i>Dates:</i>	1 5–9 July	<i>Code:</i> X9508
	2 12–16 July	<i>Code:</i> X9164
	3 19–23 July	<i>Code:</i> X9165
	4 26–30 July	<i>Code:</i> X9166
	5 2–6 August	<i>Code:</i> X9167
<i>Fees:</i>	£220 full (£155 concs)	<i>Credits:</i> 18 at level 1

Geoarchaeology in Action **2 days**

We will be primarily looking at the size and nature of the stream that runs between the Roman villa and the bathhouse. We will also be investigating landscapes hidden by alluvium and Roman agriculture.

<i>Date:</i>	10–11 July	<i>Code:</i> X9500
<i>Fee:</i>	£85 full (£60 concs)	<i>Credits:</i> 6 at level 1

Planning and Section Drawing **2 days**

Learn how to record archaeological sites by planning, using planning frames, offsetting and triangulation methods. Section drawing will include recording ditches, pits, postholes and building elevations.

<i>Dates:</i>	31 July–1 August	<i>Code:</i> X9223
<i>Fee:</i>	£85 full (£60 concs)	<i>Credits:</i> 6 at level

Site Photography for Archaeologists **2 days**

This course will look at the basics of using cameras on site; recording standing buildings, tombstones and preserving the excavation record. In addition, an innovative look at vertical shots taken with a quadripod will also be investigated. There will be lots of hands-on work.

<i>Date:</i>	7–8 Aug	<i>Code:</i> X9405
<i>Fee:</i>	£85 full (£60 concs)	<i>Credits:</i> 6 at level 1

For further information, or to enrol

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Practical details

Hours: 9.30am to 5.30pm.

Equipment: All excavation equipment other than trowels will be provided.

- Students should either bring a Spear & Jackson WHS 4in pointing trowel, price c. £14 (cheaper, rivetted ones are usually a false economy), or buy a trowel on site (£12 each, while stock lasts).
- Students should also bring an A4-sized hardback notebook (we recommend a Chartwell Laboratory Book (ref A4-641K), or a Black'n'Red Science Book (A67966), or a Varsity Science Book (1.5.10 Graph) which have alternate pages of lined and graph paper). You also need a pencil, rubber, pen, etc.

Tetanus: All participants MUST have been inoculated against tetanus within the last 10 years.

Overseas students: A good command of the English language is necessary.

Suggested reading: Details will be provided.

Accommodation: Details are available on our website – www.sussex.ac.uk/cce/barcombe – see local accommodation link at top of web page.

Transport: The nearest railway station is Cooksbridge (Monday-Friday only). For those without their own means of reaching the site a lift can be provided if requested in advance to CCE (Monday to Friday only) from Cooksbridge at c. 8.50am plus the return journey from site at 5.30pm (leaving promptly). No transport is available at the weekends for courses (although taxis are available from Lewes station c. 5 miles away).

Food and drink: There is a local cafe that will make daily visits to the site, Monday to Friday, serving freshly made baguettes, cold drinks, etc. You may, however, wish to bring your own food and extra drinks.

Volunteer work: students may volunteer to dig at weekends as members of MSFAT (www.msfat.com) for free, OR for five weekday sessions commencing 5, 12, 19, 26 July and 2 August organised through MSFAT, after successfully completing an Excavation Training Course, either in 2010 or in previous years (please request separate application form). MSFAT ask for a contribution to project costs: ie £50 for the week.

Refund of fees: If you cancel your enrolment more than 10 working days before the start of a course, fees will be refunded minus a £10 administration charge. For cancellations less than 10 working days before the start of a course, we are sorry that no refund can be made (unless there are exceptional circumstances).

Booking form

There are three different ways to enrol:

- complete the enrolment form below and post it to us,
- **T** 01273 678300 with your credit/debit card details, OR
- drop in to our office to enrol in person.

We are open Monday to Thursday 9am–5pm, and Friday 9am–4.30pm.

Admissions criteria

- You must be 16 years old or over at the time of the course.

Title

Surname

First name

Address

Postcode

Tel: day

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Email address

Date of birth (if under 18)

Course details *Please enrol me on the following*

Course title	Code	Amount
		£
		£
		£
	Total	£

Alternative dates:

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Booking form contd

Course fees should be fully paid in advance.

Full fees: You must pay the full fee if you have an income from work, pension or private sources of over £17,000.

Concessions: You are entitled to a fee reduction if you are in receipt of one or more of the following income-based benefits at the time of enrolment: Job Seeker's Allowance/Income Support/Housing Benefit or Local Housing Allowance/Council Tax Benefit/Working Tax Credit AND your annual household income is less than £17,000/Pensions Guarantee Credit/ if you are an unwaged dependent of someone receiving one or more of these benefits.

You must provide proof of your entitlement (eg an award notice, letter of entitlement or a certificate from the Benefits Agency) showing that you are currently in receipt of benefit.

Payment details *Please mark an X in the relevant box*

I enclose a cheque/postal order made payable to:

The University of Sussex

OR
Charge my Mastercard/Visa/Delta/JCB/Switch

Expiry date

Switch start date/issue no

Card number

Security code (last 3 digits on back of card)

Name on card:

Signed:

Date:

Where did you see these courses advertised?

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