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FIELD SCHOOL MONTAIONE IN CLASSIC ARCHAEOLOGY, SURVEY AND MATERIAL CULTURE

A BRAND-NEW, HANDS-ON PROGRAM FOCUSED ON EXCAVATING A 1st - 5th CENTURY AD ROMAN THERMAE COMPLEX IN CENTRAL TUSCANY

This field-based program has been developed for students and CRM professionals interested in furthering their professional training by acquiring skills and experience in proper excavation, topographic mapping, informatics, and material culture analysis. By working in small groups, side-by-side with IRLAB's professional team, participants will have the opportunity to excavate the inhabited layers of a Roman Republic rural center, starting from the exposed contexts of the Thermal buildings. Upon completion of the program, participants will have learned how to properly excavate and document stratigraphic layers, pottery, structures and the development of an historic center through the centuries.



LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THIS PROGRAM

Upon completion of the program, participants will have become familiar with the following major components of stratigraphic excavation, and related learning objectives:

Stratigraphic interpretation

- Understand the stratigraphic relationships between adjacent contexts.
- Associate finds and contexts to establish a site chronology.

State-of-the-art documentation of archaeological evidences

- Learn how to collect spatial information on finds, structures and layers using a total station and GIS.
- Learn proper documentation protocols through the use of IRLAB's dedicated Stratigraphic Unit.
- Become familiar with the criteria for properly photographing stratigraphic contexts and the methods for developing 3D reconstructions of items, layers and whole areas using photogrammetry.

SITE & EXCAVATION SCHEDULE

Excavations will take place at the Montaione Roman Thermal complex, in the countryside of Florence, a place included in the "most beautiful Italian villages" Club. The site is the object of an ongoing project with the aim of excavating, studying, and restoring a hidden Republic Roman center buried under the Tuscan hills. Excavation will take place daily, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, with a short lunch break. All participants will be required to attend a general orientation at the beginning of the program, and daily briefings in the morning prior to starting fieldwork.

DATES FOR 2025 PROGRAM

- June 30th - July 26th, 2025*
 - Application Deadline is May 20th, 2025
- *according to European Covid-19 traveling standards

LOCATION

- Housing
Housing is provided by the Summer School.
- Meals
Participants in the Summer School will be provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner from Monday to Friday.

TUITION AND FEES

Cost: \$ 2,400.00

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion recognizing their successful completion of the program. The certificate will include the Participant name, Program name and dates, and completed learning objectives, and will be signed by an IRLAB officer.

STAFF

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