

Field School Montepulciano

in Landscape Archaeology, GIS
and Archaeometry

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June 15th to July 5th

Natural Reserve of Lake Montepulciano,
Siena, Tuscany , **Italy**.

Cost and deadlines:

3.800\$, 3 weeks session.

Deadline: May 1st 2026



THE FIELD SCHOOL

The program is fully embedded in the rural and historical landscape of southern Tuscany and focuses on the long-term interaction between settlement, production activities, and environment from antiquity to the medieval and modern periods. All field and laboratory activities are part of a broader, long-term research project "Carta Archeologica di Montepulciano", aimed at the systematic documentation, analysis and interpretation of the archaeological landscape of the Montepulciano territory. Within this framework, students will actively contribute to the collection of primary data used for scientific research, territorial planning and heritage protection.



THE PROJECT

The Field School is a program offered by the **University of Firenze** in Italy in collaboration with the **Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage**. The **Field School Montepulciano** in Landscape Archaeology, GIS and Archaeometry is an intensive training program aimed at **providing** students with **advanced methodological skills** in archaeological field **survey, spatial analysis, archaeometry** and **geoarchaeology**.



ACADEMIC CREDITS

Upon completion of the Field School, students will receive an official Certificate of Attendance detailing workload, training activities, and learning outcomes. Students at the University of Florence may request credit recognition according to their degree regulations, while students from other institutions must follow their home universities' approval procedures.

- **Affiliation:** University of Firenze, Italy
- **Partnership:** IRLAB - Institute for Research and Learning in Archaeology and Bioarchaeology, Columbus, OH
- **Project Director:** Elisabetta Gliozzo, PhD - University of Florence
- **Project Size:** 14-16 participants
- **Program Duration:** 3 weeks
- **Official Language:** English

ACTIVITIES

Training activities include field survey, GIS documentation, experimental archaeology, and basic archaeometric analysis. Emphasis is placed on interdisciplinary methods that integrate archaeological, environmental, and material data throughout the research process.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Fieldwork will take place daily, Monday to Friday, from **7:00am to 12:00pm** (including a 30-minute break) and will focus on **systematic survey, surface collection, topographic documentation, and environmental observation**. Students will work in small groups under staff supervision, rotating tasks to ensure full training in all field methods.

Afternoon activities (**5:00pm–7:00pm**) at the **Natural Reserve of Lake Montepulciano** will include **laboratory work, GIS processing, and lectures**. Lab sessions will cover data management, spatial analysis, and basic archaeometric and geoarchaeological approaches, while lectures and workshops will provide the theoretical background for understanding **landscape dynamics, settlement patterns, production activities, and human–environment interactions**.



ROOM AND BOARD ARRANGEMENTS

Housing is provided by the Field School within the **Natural Reserve of Lake Montepulciano** in double, triple, or four-bed rooms (separated for men and women), depending on the number of participants. Participants will be provided with **breakfast, lunch and dinner** for the entire duration of the program, including **Saturdays** and **Sundays** upon request. Any specific dietary requirements will be collected during the application process. No activities are planned on **Saturdays and Sundays**, and no meals are provided. Participants are therefore free to do as they please. The closest train station is **Chiusi**, with daily train connections to **Rome** (3.5–4 hours), **Florence** (2 hours), and **Pisa** (30–45 minutes).

HOW TO APPLY

Submit and application at
www.irlabnp.org



FOR INFO AND QUESTIONS:

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