

Medieval Archaeology

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ECTS Credits: 6

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Degree	Type	Year
Archaeology	OB	2

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Teaching groups languages

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Prerequisites

It is recommended to have passed Medieval History in the first year.

Objectives and Contextualisation

This subject aims to address the basic principles of historical-archaeological research in the Middle Ages, with sp

Learning Outcomes

1. KM19 (Knowledge) Understand the main and diverse theoretical (epistemological and ontological) and methodological debates in the context of the study of ancient and medieval societies.
2. KM20 (Knowledge) Recognise and practice basic classifications of the archaeological record in the laboratory with collections of pieces from archaeological sites from antiquity to medieval times.
3. KM21 (Knowledge) Explain ancient and medieval historical processes from a critical and reflective perspective, analysing how archaeological evidence can question current theoretical frameworks.
4. KM22 (Knowledge) Understand the processes of social formation in the ancient and medieval periods and from the perspective of geographical, social and gender diversity to build inclusive historical accounts that avoid taking androcentric and Eurocentric perspectives.
5. SM21 (Skill) Develop critical and reflective archaeological thought from the inference and generation of ancient and medieval archaeological information.
6. SM22 (Skill) Consider the relationship between the archaeological record and the historical processes of ancient and medieval times in their respective contexts and social complexity.
7. SM23 (Skill) Reflect on and propose hypotheses about ancient and medieval societies based on the archaeological record obtained in surveys and/or excavations.

Content

1-The discipline of medieval archaeology in Europe and Spain.

2-The end of the ancient world and the beginning of the Middle Ages through the material culture in the western areas of the ancient Roman Empire.

3-Archaeology of feudalism and its expansion

4-The formation of al-Andalus from an archaeological perspective.

5-Archaeology of al-Andalus.

Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Classroom practices	20	0.8	
Field practices	10	0.4	
Master classes	25	1	
Type: Supervised			
analysis of reports of archaeological intervention	10	0.4	
tutoring	10	0.4	
Type: Autonomous			
individual study	15	0.6	

Master classes**Master classes**

Classroom practice classes with case studies and practical exercises in the processing of data from different sources.

Field practice in a city of medieval origin.

Individual study

Carrying out exercises on methodological aspects, case studies.

Completion of an exercise on field practice

Completion of written exams

Note: 15 minutes of a class will be set aside, within the timetable established by the centre/degree, for students to complete the evaluation surveys on the performance of the teaching staff and the evaluation of the subject/module.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Assessment**Continous Assessment Activities**

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Exercises on the practical part	40 %	15	0.6	KM20, SM21, SM23
Report on field practice	10 %	10	0.4	KM21, KM22, SM21
Two theory exams	40%	25	1	KM19, KM21, KM22, SM21, SM22

Two exams on the theoretical part of the course (60%).

Several exercises on the practical part (30%)

A report on the field practice of the subject (10%).

NON-ASSESSABLE corresponds to the delivery of less than 60% of the course.
There will be a recovery at the end of the semester. Students who have failed the theoretical part of the course cannot be recovered. Non-participation in field practices cannot be recovered.

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- Laboratoire d'archéologie médiévale et moderne en Méditerranée (Université d'Aix-Marseille • CNRS) <http://la3m.cnrs.fr/pages/accueil.php>
- Medieval Settlement Research Group <https://medieval-settlement.com/>
- Associació Catalana per a la Recerca en Arqueologia Medieval <http://www.acram.cat/>
- Harca, medievalistes valencians: <http://harca.org/>

Software

No software required

Groups and Languages

Please note that this information is provisional until 30 November 2025. You can check it through this [link](#). To consult the language you will need to enter the CODE of the subject.

Name	Group	Language	Semester	Turn
(PAUL) Classroom practices	11	Catalan	second semester	morning-mixed
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(PCAM) Field practices	13	Catalan	second semester	morning-mixed
(PCAM) Field practices	14	Catalan	second semester	morning-mixed
(PCAM) Field practices	15	Catalan	second semester	morning-mixed
(TE) Theory	1	Catalan	second semester	morning-mixed