

Ilia State University
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Bachelor's Program: Archaeology (Major and Minor)
Curriculum

Faculty	Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Title of the Program	არქეოლოგია (ძირითადი და დამატებითი სპეციალობა)
Qualification	ჰუმანიტარული მეცნიერებების ბაკალავრი არქეოლოგიაში BA in Archaeology
Length of the Program (semesters, credits)	8 semesters, 240 credits (1 ECTS credit-25 academic hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Program - 120 credits • Free Component: General Module -60 credits • Minor Program/Free Component - 60 credits
Language of Instruction	Georgian
Head(s) of the Program	Professor Nodar Bakhtadze
Program Elaboration and Updating Issues	The program was developed in 2011. The program can be updated at the beginning of each academic year for further improvement of the learning process.
Prerequisites (requirements)	
Candidates must have passed the unified national exams in accordance with the rules established by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia.	
Program Aims	
<p>The aim of the Bachelor's program in Archaeology is to prepare a competitive specialist who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a general and broad knowledge of archaeology in order to study the past of Georgia and different regions of the world (Caucasus region, Near East, Mediterranean) in time and space; • has basic archaeological skills. <p>In addition, the program develops transferable skills important for employment and further study, such as the ability to work individually and in a group, the ability to reason and critically analyze arguments as well as to communicate effectively orally and in writing while adhering to the principles of academic integrity and using modern technologies.</p>	
Learning Outcomes and Competencies (General and Field Specific)	

Upon completion of the program, the graduate:

1. demonstrates general knowledge of the foundations of archaeology, its main theories, approaches, methods and development trends;
2. is aware of the importance of archaeology in studying the past of mankind and understanding the historical past in a social, cultural, political, economic, ecological and chronological context;
3. demonstrates deep and comprehensive knowledge of prehistoric and historical archaeology (Stone Age, Early Metal Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Antique and Middle Ages) of Georgia and different regions of the world (Caucasus region, Near East, Mediterranean Sea);
4. can obtain and process data (sources, materials, etc.) using the basic principles and methods of archaeological intelligence and research (field, laboratory) in accordance with predetermined methods, and based on their analysis and interpretation can reconstruct the past;
5. adheres to the principles of impartiality and objectivity in the description, analysis and interpretation of archaeological information/material/data;
6. is aware of the different values, ideas and beliefs of individual archaeological cultures and civilizations as part of the world values.

Instruction Methods

- Lecture/Seminar;
- Practical method (lab and field works);
- Individual and group projects;
- Demonstration method;
- Analysis and synthesis;
- Discussions/Debates;
- Working on primary sources (written, objects);
- Case study, etc.

Depending on the specifics of the learning components, other teaching methods can be used during the implementation of the program, which is presented in the syllabi of certain courses.

Structure of the Program

The BA program in Archaeology takes 240 credits according to the following scheme:

- Free Component: General Module-60 credits
- Major Course-120 Credits
- Minor program/Free Component-60 Credits

Free Component: General Module- 60 credits:

- Introduction to Contemporary Thought I, II - 12 credits
- Academic Techniques- 6 credits

- Statistics - 6 credits
- Practical English Courses- 24 credits
- Introductory Courses INTRO - 12 credits

Major Course - 120 Credits:

- Compulsory Courses with the code HUMARCHGEN - 60 credits;
- Compulsory-elective Courses with the code 0/HUMARCH/0- 48 credits;
- Elective Courses with the code 0/0/HUMARCH- 12 credits;

Minor program/Free Component- 60 credits

Assessment System

100-point Assessment System defined as follows:

(A) Excellent – 91-100 points;

(B) Very good – 81-90 points;

(C) Good – 71-80 points;

(D) Satisfactory – 61-70 points;

(E) Sufficient – 51-60 points;

(FX) Didn't Pass – 41-50 points, which means that a student needs to work more and is allowed to resit the exam once by working independently;

(F) Failed – 40 and less points of maximum evaluation, which means that the work done by the student is not enough and he/she has to retake the course.

Note: Details of assessment components, methods and criteria are given in the course syllabi.

Career Opportunities

- State and private structures in the field of culture;
- Private and state museums and galleries;
- Agency for the protection of cultural heritage;
- Ministry of Culture and Monuments Protection
- Non-governmental organizations of relevant profile;
- Archaeological projects implemented by local and international organizations;
- Cultural heritage protection promotion and educational programs;
- Tourism, mass media, etc.

Graduates can also continue their studies at the following, post-graduate level of higher education - master's level.

Essential and Supplementary Resources

- Learning process management system 'Argus';
- Educational process management system E-learning and integrated program Turnitin;
- Ilia State University library and electronic resources (including scientific electronic databases - ScienceDirect, Scopus, ProQuest, EBSCO, Jstor, Project Muse, Clarivate Analytics, SAGE, Cambridge Journals, Directory Of Open Access Journals and others);
- University computer centers;
- Lecture halls;
- National Library of Parliament;
- Academic Writing Center: <https://writingcentre.iliauni.edu.ge/ge/>
- University based institutes of relevant profile: Institute of Earth Studies, Institute of Oriental Studies; Centers: Scientific Center for Paleoenvironment Reconstruction and Archaeological Research, Cultural Heritage and Environment Research Center; Bases: Chiatura base, Vani base, Dedoplistskaro base, Stepantsminda base, Grigoleti base; National Museum of Georgia; Student clubs of appropriate profile (e.g., Archaeologists' club, Historians' club);
- Archaeological laboratory;
- Georadar.