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ABOUT US:

Department of Archaeology is one of the oldest departments of the University of Zadar. The archaeological studies were established in 1956 on Faculty of philosophy. That move was instigated by legacy of archaeological investigations and abundance of archaeological sites in Zadar and northern Dalmatia. Until 1962 archaeology was studied as academic minor (3 years), but from then on it was studied as double major on newly established Department of archaeology and history of art. Thusly, for the first time, students after graduation received a title of *professor of archaeology*. In 1975 independent *Department of archaeology* was established. In July 2002 the Department become part of restored University of Zadar. In 2005 the study programme was reformed in accordance with Bologna declaration (two main cycles of study – undergraduate and graduate, all courses last for one semester, ECTS credit system, student and teacher mobility etc).

Starting from academic year 2009/2010, it is possible to study archaeology as a singlemajor only (on undergraduate as well as graduate level). The study programme encompasses numerous obligatory and elective courses that deal with all sub-disciplines of modern archaeology and its methodology. However, students are encouraged to enrol in elective courses on other departments, or Universities in Croatia and abroad according to one's wishes and preferences. The study programme includes courses that are based on other sciences and scientific disciplines such are religion, mythology, linguistics, art history, anthropology, museology, cultural heritage protection and management etc. Great emphasis is placed on field work because all students are obliged to participate in archaeological excavations that are organized by the Department within the framework of several courses such is e.g. *Archaeological methods*. In that way, students have great opportunity to enlarge but also to test their theoretical knowledge. Equally important parts of education are excursions to regions with important archaeological sites throughout Europe and Mediterranean. One-day trips to nearby sites or museums serve the same goal.

Since 2006 the Department of archaeology organizes postgraduate study *Archaeology of the Eastern Adriatic*. It consists of the course organized into one of the following archaeological sub disciplines: Prehistoric archaeology, Classical archaeology, Medieval and post-Medieval archaeology. Besides lectures, the postgraduate study programme is realised through students' individual scientific work.

As one of the most important Croatian archaeological institution, the Department has very developed research activities that include archaeological excavations on some of the most important sites in Croatia e. g. Vlakno cave on Dugi otok (Paleolithic), Neolithic settlements of Smilčić and Crno vrilo, Bronze age grave mounds in Krneza, Liburnian (i.e. Iron Age) necropolis in Ljubač, Nadin – Gradina and necropolis, Roman military camp and settlement in Burnum, Podvršje – Glavčine early Croatian double basilicae, Galovac-Crkvina – Antique and Medieval sepulchral and sacral complex and numerous excavations in the town on Nin (the first capital of early Medieval Croatian state). It is strong belief of the Department's staff that underwater archaeology is the Department's *diferentia specifica* so it is not surprising that teachers have firmly established activities in that particular sub-discipline. The Department is actively involved in project of exploration of Caska bay on the island of Pag (in partnership with *Centre Camille Jullian*, Aix-en-Provence, France), also, in the project of researching post-medieval ships (in partnership with Texas A&M University, USA) etc.

Diversified research activities of the Department and its staff were great foundation for launching of the Department's scientific journal *Archaeologia Adriatica* in 2007. The journal has international editorial board and all articles are published in Croatian and English or some other foreign language.

During its 50-year history, the Department and its teachers actively participated in, or even organized, numerous scientific events some of which had global impact. For example, in 1997 the Department organized annual meeting of Croatian Archaeological Society, in 2007 the University of Zadar was host to 13th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists (with more than 800 scientists from all over the world participated), and in 2011 IKUWA 4 conference entitled *Managing the underwater archaeological heritage* was held on the University (with more than 400 participants). Also, the Department's staff authored numerous museum exhibitions in the region.

University of Zadar has very fruitful cooperation with many Universities and other scientific institutions abroad. For example, since 2005 the Department of archaeology is one of the partners in CEEPUS ARHEOPED 2 network, together with departments in Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland, Bulgaria etc. Owing to that cooperation, many students and teachers from Zadar had an opportunity to visit some of the partner institutions, but also, many foreign students spent a certain amount of their education on the Department of archaeology in Zadar. Likewise, students of archaeology have opportunity to use all commodities of Erasmus programme. It is worth mentioning that Department of archaeology encourages and financially backs several students' projects, e. g. publication of journal *Serilia*, and organisation of well established manifestation *Antički dani* (*Antique days*).

STUDY PROGRAMMES

Undergraduate university study programme of Archaeology (single-major)

Duration of the study: 6 semesters.

Admission requirements: Completed four-year high school and passed state graduation exam.

Competencies acquired upon finishing the study programme:

On undergraduate study of archaeology students gain basic knowledge in all sub-disciplines of archaeology. Also, students master basic field techniques used on archaeological excavations.

Upon finishing the study programme students can:

- understand the role of archaeology in present-day world and understand trends in modern archaeology
- understand and apply key methodological aspects used in archaeological excavations
- understand most important scientific and professional concepts applied in archaeology (periodization, typology, chronology etc)
- understand and apply ethical principles, legislation and norms used in archaeology
- successfully communicate with colleagues verbally and in writing, which includes the usage of adequate terminology
- follow scientific and professional literature in Croatian and some other language
- understand and apply learning skills needed for continuation of the study on graduate level.

Professional title acquired upon finishing the study programme: Bachelor (*baccalaureus*) of Archaeology/technician of Archaeology.

Course list by semesters:

Course unit code	I SEMESTER	Status	Hours per week			ECTS
			L	S	E	
	Introduction to Archaeology	O	30	15	0	5
	Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology	O	30	15	0	5
	Paleolithic and Mesolithic	O	30	15	0	5
	Aegean Bronze age Civilisations	O	30	15	0	5
	Foreign Language (by choice)	O	-	-	-	3
	Field Work	O	0	0	60	2
	Elective Course from other Department	E	-	-	-	5
	II SEMESTER					
	Neolithic of the Middle East and S-E Europe	O	30	15	0	5
	Introduction to Antique Archaeology	O	30	15	0	5

	Archaeology of Antique Greece	O	30	15	0	5
	Institutions of the Roman World	O	30	15	0	5
	Field Work	O	0	0	60	2
	Neolithic Cults and Beliefs	E	15	15	0	4
	Prehistoric Technology: Chopped and Polished Stone Artefacts	E	15	15	0	4
	Croatian Danube Region in Antiquity	E	15	15	0	4
	Excursion	E	0	0	15	1
	Elective Course from other Department	E	-	-	-	4
	III SEMESTER					
	Introduction to Medieval Archaeology	O	30	15	0	5
	Eneolithic of the Middle East and S-E Europe	O	30	15	0	5
	European Bronze Age	O	30	15	0	5
	Antique Shipwrecks and Navigation Routes on the East Adriatic Coast	O	30	15	0	5
	Field Work	O	0	0	60	2
	Etruscan Civilisation	E	15	15	0	4
	Greeks in Antique Illyricum	E	15	15	0	4
	Colonisation of Antique Illyricum	E	15	15	0	4
	Introduction to Underwater Archaeology	E	15	15	0	4
	Elective Course from other Department	E	-	-	-	4
	IV SEMESTER					
	European Iron Age	O	30	15	0	5
	Latin Language I	O	15	15	15	5
	Archaeology of Roman Italy	O	30	15	0	5
	Archaeology of the Migration Period	O	30	15	0	5
	Field Work	O	0	0	60	2
	Romanisation of Antique Illyricum	E	15	15	0	4
	Genesis and Development of Christianity	E	15	15	0	4
	Museology	E	15	15	0	4
	Excursion	E	0	0	15	1
	Elective Course from other Department	E	-	-	-	4
	V SEMESTER					
	Early Medieval National Archaeology	O	30	15	0	5
	Early Christian Archaeology	O	30	15	0	5
	Latin Language II	O	15	15	15	5
	Fundamentals of Field Research	O	0	0	120	4
	Course in Drawing	O	0	0	15	1
	Artes Minores I	E	15	15	0	4
	Preservation and Protection of Cultural Monuments	E	15	15	0	4
	Elective Course from other Department	E	-	-	-	5

	VI SEMESTER					
	Late Medieval Archaeology	O	30	15	0	5
	Architecture and Urbanism of the Ancient Illyricum	O	30	15	0	5
	Fundamentals of Field Research II	O	0	0	120	4
	Course in Geodesy	O	0	0	30	2
	Undergraduate Thesis	O	0	0	15	7
	Latin Language III	E	15	0	15	4
	General Slavic Archaeology	E	15	15	0	4
	Archaeological Anthropology	E	15	0	15	4
	Medieval Numismatics	E	15	15	0	4
	Artes Minores II	E	15	15	0	4
	Excursion	E	0	0	15	1
	Elective Course from other Department	E	-	-	-	3

Graduate university study programme of Archaeology
(single-major)

Duration of the study: 4 semesters

Admission requirements: Completed three-year undergraduate study programme of Archaeology.

Competencies acquired upon finishing the study programme:

Graduate study of archaeology aims at developing specialized knowledge in one of major archaeological sub-disciplines (Prehistoric archaeology, Classical archaeology, Medieval and post-Medieval archaeology, Underwater archaeology). Also, aim of the graduate study is to completely develop understanding and application of the methods of scientific and research work used in archaeology. Thusly, graduate students are capable of working in scientific institutes, museums and other institutions that require specialist knowledge in archaeology. Also, Masters of archaeology can find employment in private sector in companies that conduct archaeological excavations or work in cultural heritage protection.

Archaeologists that obtain Master's degree at University of Zadar are capable of:

- conducting archaeological excavations and reconnaissance
- performing scientific and professional analyses of artefacts
- analysing the conditions for conducting modern archaeological excavations
- evaluating the efficiency of archaeological works and implementing modifications, if necessary
- heading the team of archaeologists or multidisciplinary team
- promoting and popularizing modern trends in archaeology to scientific community and general public as well
- applying and improving verbal and written communication with colleagues and general public
- evaluate scientific, professional and popular science literature
- plan a process of life-long learning and define individual learning strategies
- understand and apply ethical principles, legislation and norms used in archaeology.

Professional title acquired upon finishing the study programme: Master of Archaeology.

Course list by semesters:

Course unit code	I SEMESTER	Status	Hours per week			ECTS
			L	S	E	
	Methodology of Archaeological Excavations I	O	30	15	60	7
	Neanderthals	E	30	15	0	4
	Neolithic of the Eastern Adriatic	E	30	15	0	4
	Adriatic Bronze Age	E	30	15	0	4
	Adriatic Iron Age	E	30	15	0	4
	Classical Archaeology of the Eastern Adriatic I	E	30	15	0	4
	Greco-Hellenistic Ceramics on the Eastern Adriatic	E	30	15	0	4
	Economy of Roman Histria and Dalmatia	E	30	15	0	4
	Basics of Latin Epigraphy	E	30	15	0	4
	Early Christian Architecture on the Eastern Adriatic Coast	E	30	15	0	4
	Byzantium on the Eastern Adriatic	E	30	15	0	4
	Archaeology of the Migration Period – Selected Chapters	E	30	15	0	4
	Medieval Ceramics	E	30	15	0	4
	II SEMESTER					
	Methodology of Archaeological Excavations II	O	30	15	60	7
	Art and Symbolism in Paleolithic and Mesolithic	E	30	15	0	4
	Eneolithic on the Eastern Adriatic	E	30	15	0	4
	Social and Religious Symbols on the Adriatic Area in Bronze age	E	30	15	0	4
	Iron Age Costume on the Eastern Adriatic	E	30	15	0	4
	Classical Archaeology of the East Adriatic II	E	30	15	0	4
	Amphorae and Sea trade in the Mediterranean	E	30	0	15	4
	Roman Army in Illyricum	E	30	15	0	4
	Antique Religion on Adriatic-Danube Territory	E	30	15	0	
	Early Christian Iconography	E	30	15	0	4
	Necropolises and Settlements in the Early Medieval Period	E	30	15	0	4
	Architecture and Sculpture in the Early Medieval Period	E	30	15	0	4
	High and Late Medieval National Archaeology	E	30	15	0	4

	III SEMESTER					
	Roman Imperial Cult	E	30	15	0	4
	Port Installations and Coastal Constructions	E	30	15	0	4
	Antique Numismatics	E	30	0	15	4
	Ceramics in Roman Dalmatia	E	30	15	0	4
	Antique Epigraphic Materials on the eastern Adriatic	E	30	0	15	4
	Boats and Seafaring on the Mediterranean through History	E	30	15	0	4
	Archaeology of Modern Period	E	30	0	15	4
	Artes Minores, 13 - 17 century	E	30	15	0	4
	IV SEMESTER					
	Nautical Archaeology	E	30	0	15	4
	Paleoclimatology and Geology of the Quaternary Period	E	15	15	0	4
	Bioarchaeology (Archeozoology and Archeobotany)	E	15	15	0	4
	Antropology of the Slavic Necropolises	E	30	0	15	4
	Glagolitic Epigraphy	E	30	15	0	4
	Working with Mentor and Master Thesis	O	0	0	30	10