Learning Objectives

Archaeological survey and excavation provide critical information to fields as diverse as Classics, Art History and Biblical Studies. As a scholarly discipline, however, archaeology is more than a way of recovering physical evidence. It is a way of understanding the rich record of past human societies through the study of their material cultures.

A student who graduates with a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Archaeology at USC will have achieved these learning objectives:

- Recognize the material foundations of human experience and the unique possibilities offered by archaeology for understanding humanity across time and space.
- Gain insight into cultures other than one’s own and develop historical perspectives on the contemporary world.
- Possess an awareness of ethical issues inherent in archaeological research.
- Be able to gather and synthesize information from diverse, usually fragmentary, and often ambiguous data sources.
- Demonstrate an understanding of key theoretical and methodological trends in archaeology.
• Develop critical abilities through discussions, debates, and the evaluation of alternative perspectives on and interpretations of archaeological data.
• Write and speak clearly and persuasively in communicating ideas about archaeology to various communities and audiences.