Archaeology provides a lens through which we can understand the past. It allows us to see how people lived, thought, and interacted with each other in different times and places. By studying artifacts, architecture, and human remains, archaeologists can reconstruct stories about the past.

The Archaeology major at USC offers a comprehensive curriculum that covers a wide range of topics, from the origins of human society to modern-day cultural heritage. Students will gain a deep understanding of the methods and theories used in archaeology, as well as the skills needed to conduct fieldwork and analyze data.

The major requires five lower-division courses and five upper-division courses. Students must also complete a major requirement, which includes a capstone course and a senior seminar.

The lower-division courses include core courses in anthropology, chemistry, and archaeology, as well as electives in fields such as geology, history, and environmental studies. Students can choose from a variety of courses to develop their skills and interests.

In the upper-division courses, students will delve deeper into the methods and theories of archaeology. They will learn how to analyze data and conduct fieldwork, as well as develop skills in writing and research.

In addition to these courses, students will have the opportunity to participate in fieldwork and internships, which will provide them with valuable hands-on experience. They will also have the chance to work with faculty members on research projects, which can lead to publications and presentations at conferences.

The Archaeology major at USC is a rigorous and rewarding program that prepares students for careers in archaeology, museum work, heritage management, and other fields that require a deep understanding of the past.
Archaeology Minor

**Required Lower Division Course (4 units)**
ANTH 202g Archaeology: Our Human Past

**Select one course from Theories and Methods (4 units):**

- AHIS 415 Object-Worlds: Histories and Theories of Things
- AHIS 425 Interdisciplinary Studies in Classical Art and Archaeology: Research and Methodology
- AHIS 427 Archaeological Theories, Methods, and Practice
- ANTH 307 Trojan Archaeology: Excavation USC
- ANTH 400 Maya Resilience: Constructing Past and Present Identities
- ANTH 440 History of Anthropological Theory
- ANTH 450 Field Research in Maya Archaeology
- ANTH 481L GIS for Investigating the Past**
- ARCG 305L Virtual, Digital Culture, Heritage & Archaeology (2 or 4 Units)
- ARCG 323 Roman Archaeology, History, Methods and Field Work
- REL 303g Exploring Ancient Ways of Living: Experimental Archaeology
- REL 494 Lab Methods and Theories in Archaeology
- REL 495 Field Methods and Theories in Archaeology

**Select one upper-division course from those listed under the Archaeology Major (4 units):**

**Take Ethics and Heritage Course (4 units)**
AHIS 301 Guardians of the Past? Art Preservation, Ethics, and the Law
or
REL 304 Ethics and Global Heritage

**Required Capstone Course (4 units)**
CLAS 465 Archaeology and Society

**Total Minor Requirement: 5 courses (20 units)**

**ANTH 481L may not be double-counted towards the degree in Archaeology**

To declare a major or minor and to monitor the fulfillment of degree requirements, students should consult Lisa Perkins in the Office of College Advising. To discuss long range plans and interests, students should meet with Professor Lynn Dodd, Director of the Archaeology Program: archaeology@usc.edu

Archaeology Research Center (ACB 335)
24/7 GIS spatial sciences and 3D modeling and imaging Lab (ACB 329)

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