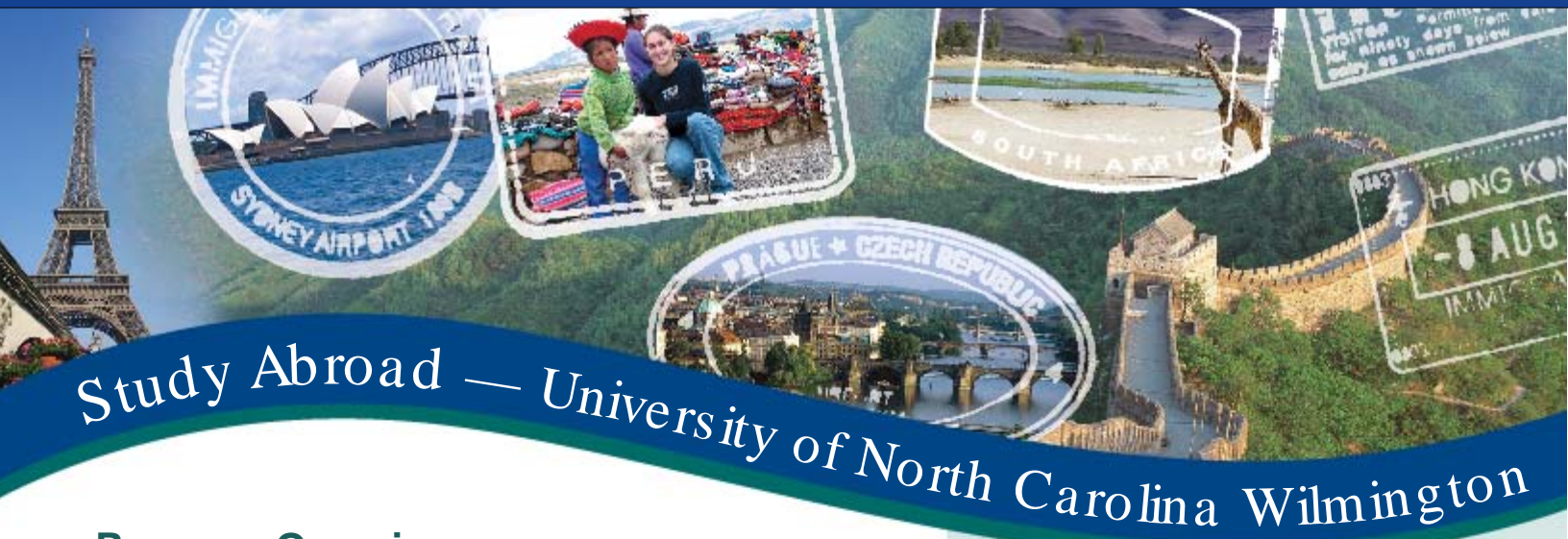


ARCHAEOLOGY IN JORDAN

SUMMER 2009



Study Abroad — University of North Carolina Wilmington

Program Overview

The Madaba Plains Project studies long-term cultural and environmental changes in the highland plateau located between the cities of Madaba and Amman in the country of Jordan. Summer field school research centers on three archaeological sites located on the points of an imaginary triangle with Umayri in the northeast, Hesban in west, and Jalul in the southeast. The sites are located to the east of the Jordan River in the fertile highlands overlooking the Dead Sea. MPP's overall goal is to advance understanding about the cultural interactions that have taken place through the ages in this frontier region, which is located along one of the ancient world's most vital corridors of communication and commerce.

In the summer of 2009 students will participate in excavating at Tel Jalul. The region was once the homelands of such biblical peoples as the Amorites, Ammonites and Moabites. Tell Jalul is located 5 km east of the town of Madaba in the fertile highland plains that extend south and east from Amman and Hesban in the country of Jordan. It is believed to be largest archaeological mound in the central part of the country.

Briefly, dig seasons beginning in 1996 have produced a number of intriguing finds. For example, excavations in Field B (on the east side of the site) revealed early Iron Age II (10th-9th centuries BCE) approach ramps to a city gate. The ramp, or approach road, was paved with typical flat flagstones, similar to those seen at Tel Dan and Tel Beersheba, west of the Jordan River. Also, a large three-sectioned building dating to the late Iron II period (7th-6th centuries BCE) provides a great example of architecture and contained a number of animal and human form figurines.

Academics

Students participating in this program can earn 6 credit hours. Although pre-requisites are not required, students will benefit from having taken Intro to Religion, Intro to Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Intro to New Testament, or an archaeology course. Dr Burgh is the instructor.

Program Activities and Features

Students will excavate with an experienced archaeological staff five days a week. The weekends will consist of visits to various attractions throughout Jordan (e.g., Petra, Wadi Rum, Aqaba, etc.). Moreover, participants will witness and experience local Jordanian culture and customs.

Program Facts

Location(s):

Tel Jalul is located between the cities of Amman and Madaba in the country of Jordan.

Tentative Program Dates:

May 7-June 8 2008

Program Leader(s):

Dr Theodore Burgh
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Application Deadline:

February 16

Applications are available through the program leader and the Office of International Programs.

A \$200 non-refundable deposit is due at time of application.

Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply for this program if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Degree-seeking student
- At least Sophomore standing at time of participation
- Good judicial standing
- 2.5 GPA at time of application
- No previous course requirement, but students will benefit from PAR 103, PAR 235, or PAR 236

Applications available from the program leader, at the Office of International Programs and at:
www.uncw.edu/intprogs/SummerPrograms.html

Learn more at www.uncw.edu/international

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Location

In addition to excavating, students will take field trips with the group to sites such as Petra, Jerash, Aqaba, Wadi Rum, the Kerak Crusader castle, as well as various museums in throughout Jordan. Students will also have free time to explore the city Amman and surrounding areas.

Map



For more information on study abroad and exchange programs:

Office of International Programs
1003 Westside Hall
910-962-3685
www.uncw.edu/international
email: studyabroad@uncw.edu



Cost

Estimated Program Fee: 1500.00

Program Fee includes:

- Medical insurance
- Shared room in 3-star hotel, 3 meals per day
- Transportation for weekend travel to sites, museums, etc
- Excursions to sites such as:
 - Petra
 - Jerash
 - Kerak

Additional Costs (not included in Program Fee):

- Round Trip Flight: est. \$1000-\$1200
- UNCW Tuition
- Entrance Visa: \$20
- Departure Visa: \$15
- Some entrance fees: est. 100.00

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Federal and state financial aid may be applied toward this program. Even if you are normally ineligible for financial aid, you should submit a financial aid application (FAFSA). You may find that you are eligible for additional funding.

UNCW students may also apply for a UNCW Summer Education Abroad Grant (for summer programs) and additional study abroad scholarships. Grant applications and additional information are available at www.uncw.edu/intprogs/abroad-financialaid.htm.

Web Sites

- www.madabaplains.org/jalul
- www.asor.org

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