Archaeological Studies Minor

The Archaeological Studies Program at UWL is among the top comprehensive undergraduate programs in archaeology in the United States and the only one in the Midwest. Lewis Binford, one of the most influential archaeologists in the discipline’s history, conducted a comprehensive review of our program and concluded: “I can say without hesitation that this is the best undergraduate program in archaeology that I have seen anywhere in this country.” The archaeological studies minor is an interdisciplinary course of study that exposes students to anthropology, regional course offerings and study abroad experiences spanning the Old and New Worlds, a sampling of multiple methodological specialties, cutting edge technologies applied to archaeological research, and practical training in the applied field of cultural resource management (CRM) industry.

Most notably, we provide our undergraduate students with practical experience unmatched by other programs elsewhere for three primary reasons:

1. Our close relationship with the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center (MVAC), the research arm of our program, which conducts extensive research and public education activities throughout the tri-state region of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa;
2. Our impressive array of intensive international experiences designed to provide students with practical anthropological, archaeological, and ethnographic methods;
3. Our focus on providing students with training in cutting edge technologies that very few programs in the U.S. offer including: geophysical and remote sensing equipment (ground penetrating radar, magnetometer, resistivity meter); precision laser mapping equipment; a complete photogrammetry array; 3-D scanning, photo, and video equipment; photographic drone for aerial photography and video.

The archaeology studies minor is designed for students who have an interest in the anthropological sub-discipline of archaeology but who are majoring in another discipline. Common majors that are served by the archaeology studies minor include cultural anthropology, art, history, social studies education, geology/earth science, geography, biology, physics, and a number of others. The minor in archaeological studies provides students with a strong foundation in the discipline while allowing for the selection of elective courses that particularly suite the individual student’s interests.

Minor requirements

(All colleges, excluding teacher certification programs)

19 credits

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Select 12 elective credits in archaeology

Total Credits 19

1 Of the 12 elective credits, at least nine credits must be at the 300/400 level.

Archaeology credits applied to the anthropology minor, history major or minor, and/or the geoarchaeology minor may not be applied to the archaeology minor.