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GALLICANO

project

GALLICANO FIELD SCHOOL IN MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND BIOARCHAEOLOGY

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Gallicano Field School in Medieval Archaeology and Bioarchaeology offers students a unique opportunity to engage in archaeological and bioarchaeological fieldwork. The program is centered around excavations at the Pieve di San Cassiano site in Gallicano, a municipality located approximately 20 miles north of Lucca, Tuscany, Italy.

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Summer School is part of a broader academic project led by the Division of Palaeopathology at the University of Pisa. This project aims to investigate the biocultural complexity of the region surrounding Lucca during the Middle Ages.

The 2025 excavation campaign will focus on further exploring the medieval and early medieval contexts, including the cemetery areas and the structures of the church and annexed buildings.

OBJECTIVES

- Excavation and analysis of the medieval cemetery, focusing on demography, burial characteristics, and funerary rituals.
- Bioarchaeological analysis of the medieval population, including biodiversity, paleopathology, and activity markers.
- Reconstruction of the settlement's evolution from the late antique period to the modern age.
- Analysis of the material culture of the religious center, with emphasis on commercial dynamics, economic activities, and the dissemination of technical knowledge related to the site's life.

Beyond academic research, the project seeks to foster public engagement in archaeology. This involves the local community in archaeological research and implementing effective practices for sharing findings with the broader public, particularly regarding the significance of medieval human remains for contemporary society.

STAFF

Scientific Director:

Prof. Antonio Fornaciari, PhD

Lecturer and Supervisors:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LANGUAGE

The official language of the Field School is English, and no knowledge of Italian is required

DATES FOR 2024 FIELD SCHOOL

July 1st – July 18th 2025

CREDITS

- 10 undergraduate credits (ECTS) through the University of Pisa
- Certificate of attendance from the Division of Paleopathology of the University of Pisa

TUITION AND FEES

COST: 2,200,00 €

The fee includes accomodation for the entire period and meals from Monday to Friday ,

Two partial fee waivers - amounting to 500,00 € each - will be awarded after an evaluation of the received CVs, giving priority to students coming from developing countries, to those who apply by 15 March 2025 and request the scholarship writing an email to Prof. Antonio Fornaciari antonio.fornaciari@unipi.it

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1st, 2025

The Field School Gallicano in Medieval Archaeology and Bioarchaeology is focused on the study of archaeology and ancient human remains and welcomes students in anthropology, archaeology, paleopathology and allied disciplines at undergraduate and graduate levels.

The Field School has no formal prerequisites. Students interested in applying to the Field School must fill out and submit the enrolment Form following the procedures indicated at the University website:

paleopatologia.it/field-school-gallicano



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