



**WHEATON**  
COLLEGE

*For Christ & His Kingdom*

# Biblical Archaeology Major

Total Major hours: 36  
Suggested hours per semester: 14-16

## Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2024-2025

The Catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements. This is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

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| <b>Fall Semester 1</b><br>ARCH 211 Old Testament Archaeology <sup>1, 4</sup><br>HEBR 101 or GREK 101<br><br>CORE 101: First Year Seminar<br>CORE 131: Holistic Human Flourishing (1)<br>First-Year CATC options- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)</li> <li>▪ ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</li> </ul>  | <b>Spring Semester 1</b><br>ARCH 213 New Testament Archaeology <sup>1, 4</sup><br>HEBR 102* or GREK 102*<br><br>First-Year CATC options                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Summer 1</b><br>Consider ARCH 325/326/327:<br>Excavation in Israel (8) <sup>2</sup><br><br>Consider study, internship or research options – Wheaton<br>In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research                                           |
| <b>Fall Semester 2</b><br>ARCH 366 Archaeology of Biblical Lands*<br>Hebrew 201* or Greek 201*<br><br>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (8)<br>BITH 315 Christian Thought* or BITH 374 Systematic Theology*                                                                                                                    | <b>Spring Semester 2</b><br>Interdisciplinary Emphasis <sup>5</sup><br>ARCH 365 Statecraft and International Relations in the Ancient Near East <sup>S#</sup><br><br>BITH 451 Greek Exegesis* (2) or BITH 443 Hebrew Exegesis* (2)<br><br>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*                   | <b>Summer 2</b><br>Consider ARCH 325/326/327:<br>Excavation in Israel (8) <sup>2</sup> or Wheaton in the Holy Lands <sup>4</sup><br><br>Consider study, internship or research options – Wheaton<br>In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research |
| <b>Fall Semester 3</b><br>BITH 452 Issues in New Testament Studies or BITH 431 Issues in Old Testament Studies (2)<br>Interdisciplinary Emphasis <sup>5</sup><br>ARCH 345 Archaeology of the Classical World (2) <sup>6</sup><br><br>Consider semester off campus<br><br>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*<br>Thematic Core Course (4-8) | <b>Spring Semester 3</b><br>ARCH 334 Historical Geography (2) <sup>1, 3, 4, 6</sup><br>ARCH 367 Jerusalem, the Holy City <sup>1, 4</sup> or<br>ARCH 369 Religions of Israel and the Near East <sup>S, #, 1, 3, 4</sup><br><br>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*<br>Thematic Core Course (4-8) | <b>Summer 3</b><br>Consider ARCH 325/326/327:<br>Excavation in Israel (8) <sup>2</sup> or Wheaton in the Holy Lands <sup>4</sup><br><br>Consider study, internship or research options – Wheaton<br>In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research |
| <b>Fall Semester 4</b><br>BITH 452 Issues in Modern New Testament Studies or BITH 431 Issues in New Testament Studies (2), if not complete<br><br>Consider semester off campus<br><br>Thematic Core Course (4-8)<br>Complete CATC Coursework                                                                                          | <b>Spring Semester 4</b><br>ARCH 412 Advanced Archaeological Study (2)<br>ARCH 494 Senior Capstone* (2)<br>Complete Major Coursework<br><br>Complete CATC Coursework                                                                                                                       | <b>Summer 4</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

**Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:**

\*Course has prerequisite

<sup>F</sup> Fall only course

<sup>S</sup> Spring only course

<sup>#</sup>Offered every other year

<sup>1</sup> Courses that meet the CATC Core Shared Core requirement: ARCH 211 (Old Testament), ARCH 213 (New Testament), BITH 374 (Systematic Theology) or BITH 315 (Christian Thought). ARCH courses meet Thematic Core requirements: ARCH 365 (HP, SI), ARCH 366 (HP, SI), ARCH 369 (LE, PI), ARCH 325 (SI), ARCH 326 (GP, HI), ARCH 327 (SP). Elective courses in the major may also be Thematic Core tagged courses. A maximum of three may count for both the ARCH major and the CATC Thematic Core requirements.

<sup>2</sup>Excavation is not offered every year. It should be taken as soon as possible.

<sup>3</sup>Students interested in studying for a semester in Jerusalem can fulfill 10-12 hours toward the major, including ARCH 334, ARCH 369, and courses in the Interdisciplinary Emphasis.

<sup>4</sup>Six hours from the Wheaton in the Holy Lands (summer) program will replace ARCH 334 and ARCH 369 toward the completion of the major. More information about the Wheaton in the Holy Lands program, including the course offerings for a summer term, can be found through the Global Programs and Studies office or through the Wheaton in the Holy Lands program director. Students are encouraged to consult with their Archaeology advisor if they are considering participating in the Wheaton in the Holy Lands program.

<sup>5</sup>The major requires 6 hours in 300-level courses for its Interdisciplinary Emphasis requirement. These courses can be from Anthropology, Sociology, Ancient Languages, Biblical Studies, or Geology.

<sup>6</sup>ARCH 345 and ARCH 334 are offered irregularly.