

2019 UConn Summer Archaeological Field School in Armenian Prehistory: July 1st through July 31st

Sponsored by: UConn's Department of Anthropology, Education Abroad, Norian Armenian Programs, and Yerevan State University.



The University of Connecticut is offering a field school in Armenian Prehistory focused on archaeological excavations and environmental reconstructions at several Stone Age sites in Armenia that document a variety of important milestones in human biological, cognitive, and cultural evolution. Students will participate in excavations at Haghtanak-3, an Early Pleistocene open-air site in northern Armenia dated to roughly 1 million years ago that documents the earliest presence of humans in the country, and one of the oldest archaeological sites outside Africa. In addition, an archaeological survey of the Debed Gorge and its surroundings will be conducted, and new archaeological sites tested. Through this program, students will gain an exciting new perspective on human evolution, archaeology and prehistory and the chance to experience a rich and vibrant culture, while working side by side with world-renowned specialists and Armenian students from Yerevan State University.

Academics: Students will enroll in ANTH 3990, Fieldwork in Archaeology, for 6 honors credits during the summer term. The goals of this program are to a) help students develop a firsthand knowledge of archaeological and geological methods and how archaeologists construct and test hypotheses; b) gain a new appreciation of science and its application in human evolution and paleoanthropology; c) provide students an intellectual and cultural experience beyond the confines of the U.S.A.; and d) challenge prior assumptions about the people and cultures of the Caucasus.

Housing: Participants will share rooms in a hotel in Ayrum where breakfast and dinner will be served; lunch will be eaten in the field. Ayrum is situated in the mountainous north of Armenia along the border with Georgia.

Fees: Students pay program fees, not tuition. Forms of financial aid, such as the Federal Pell Grant and Stafford Loans are applicable.

Application: All students must fill out an application in order to be considered. Visit <https://abroad.uconn.edu> to apply online. Contact Dr. Daniel Adler (daniel.adler@uconn.edu) for more information.

