

Trasimeno Regional Archaeological Project Field School (Umbria, ITALY)

- The Umbra Institute, partnering with DePauw University –
Summer 2025



Nathalia Martinez-Baca ('26), finds a fishing-net weight

WHAT is the Trasimeno Field School?

1. A six-week summer program of archaeological **fieldwork**, **field-trips**, and **classes**. Students take two courses through the Umbra Institute: ARCH 325 and ARCH 350.
2. A regional archaeological **research** project investigating the settlement history of the Lago Trasimeno area, in the territory of Castiglione del Lago, focusing on the Etruscan and Roman periods (ca. 800 BC–AD 400). Students participate in all aspects: survey, excavation, architectural and artifact studies, and museum exhibition.
3. A community-based **service** project dedicated to local heritage, education, and tourism. In 2025 this includes ongoing work on a new archaeological museum that we are making in Castiglione del Lago.

WHEN? **May 22** (departure from U.S.) – **July 5** (departure from Italy), **2025**

WHAT do students **get**?

- **1.5 credits** transferred to DePauw (unless there's a conflict with financial aid awards);
- **Travel, cultural & linguistic experience** in beautiful and friendly Umbria and Tuscany, Italy;
- **Practical internship** in archaeology, art-history, history, environmental history, and museum studies from local experts and DePauw professors.

HOW do I apply?

<https://www.umbra.org/archaeology-summer/>

Deadline: April 19, 2025. Please note that deadlines for scholarship/grant applications may be earlier; we encourage applications submitted before March 1, 2025.

COSTS:

New students (1.5 credits): \$7750 fixed (tuition and housing thru Umbra)

unfixed: \$450 (food and incidentals); airfare ca. \$1700

Alums of the program (.75 credits): \$2988 fixed; unfixed: \$450; airfare ca. \$1700.

WHERE?

Castiglione del Lago, a beautiful medieval town on the shore of Lago Trasimeno, Umbria (Italy), midway between Rome and Florence. Students live in small apartments located within walking distance of the medieval town center, a castle, restaurants, supermarkets, and a lakeside beach. Train and bus service to all of Italy.

QUESTIONS?

Prof. Schindler or **Prof. Foss**

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Umbra Institute website: <https://www.umbra.org/archaeology-summer/>

Project Blog: <https://archaeotrasimeno.wordpress.com>

The middle terrace of the Roman structure, Summer 2024:



- competitive National Scholarships -

- 7) **Eta Sigma Phi**, the Classics Honor Society, Archaeology Fellowship (deadline, Feb. 15, 2025):
- \$2000, towards participation in any Mediterranean archaeology dig, also for current seniors:
<http://www.etasigmaphi.org/scholarships/archaeological-fieldwork>

- 8) **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program**, up to \$5000 (deadline, March 6, 2025):
<http://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>

- 9) **Etruscan Foundation Fellowship** (deadline, Feb. 26, 2025); \$2500:
<http://www.etruscanfoundation.org/programs/fieldwork-fellowship/>

- 10) AIA - **Jane C. Waldbaum Archaeological Field School Scholarship** for first-time archaeology students (deadline, March 1, 2025); \$1000:
<https://www.archaeological.org/grant/waldbaum-scholarship/>

- 11) Society for Classical Studies: **Frank M. Snowden Undergraduate Scholarship** for students from historically underrepresented groups, up to \$4,500 for summer programs including field schools (deadline, Jan. 20, 2025)
<https://classicalstudies.org/awards-and-fellowships/minority-scholarship-classics-and-classical-archaeology>

- 12) Miscellaneous scholarships: <http://www.studyabroad.com/scholarships.aspx>