



Pylos Geoarchaeological Field School 2025

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A gateway into the future of archaeology!



This intensive, **four-week program blends cutting-edge technology with hands-on fieldwork**, offering students and researchers a unique opportunity to explore **archaeology, geoarchaeology, and cultural heritage management**.



Organized under the **Pylos Geoarchaeological Program (GEAPP)**, this interdisciplinary experience combines **theory and practice**, equipping participants with essential skills in **modern surface survey and excavation techniques, and digital archaeological research**.



Hosted by the **University of the Peloponnese's Center for Continuing Education & Lifelong Learning** and the **Laboratory of Archaeometry**, in collaboration with the **Ephorate of Antiquities of Messenia**, the program takes place in the heart of one of Greece's most storied landscapes, Pylos - Messenia.

300 hours **4** weeks **10** ECTS / **5** US credits

“Join us
for an unforgettable summer
in one of Greece's most breathtaking landscapes...
the coastal zone of Pylos, Messenia
where myth meets reality...”

“ Walk in the footsteps of ancient heroes at the famous Voidokoilia cove, believed to be the very harbor where Telemachus arrived in search of Odysseus, as told in Homer’s epic! ”





THE COASTLINE OF PYLOS

Step into the world of myth, history, and archaeology in one of Greece's most stunning landscapes - Pylos, Messenia!

Our **Summer Field School** offers a **one-of-a-kind academic adventure**, blending hands-on archaeological research with exploration of iconic settings. Journey through a breathtaking coastal region north of modern Pylos, where history comes alive:

- ❖ **Voidokoilia Cove** - A mesmerizing natural wonder steeped in legend.
- ❖ **Mycenaean Tholos Tomb (1680-1600 BCE)** - Thought to belong to **Nestor's son, Thrasymedes**.
- ❖ **Nestor's Cave** - A hidden chamber of Neolithic life and ancient myths.
- ❖ **Palaiokastro Castle** - A medieval fortress whispering tales of the past.

From **Neolithic settlements to medieval strongholds**, this region is a **living time capsule** - and you can be part of the discovery!

“ Train in GIS mapping, UAV (drone) surveys, 3D Terrestrial Laser Scanning, photogrammetry, surveying techniques, smart phone applications etc. ”

ACADEMIC FOCUS & TRAINING

Get ready to **explore, analyze, and innovate!** Our program offers cutting-edge training in archaeology, geoarchaeology, and digital research techniques.

- ❖ **Excavation & Surveying** – Master fieldwork techniques, from excavation to large-scale landscape surveys.
- ❖ **Geoarchaeology in Action** – Decode ancient environments through **landscape analysis, stratigraphy, and environmental reconstruction.**
- ❖ **High-Tech Archaeology** – Harness the power of **GIS mapping, drone (UAV) surveys, 3D modeling, and geophysical prospection.**
- ❖ **Lab Science & Conservation** – Dive into **archaeometric methods, materials analysis, and artifact preservation.**
- ❖ **Site Management & Heritage Protection** – Learn sustainable strategies for safeguarding archaeological treasures.

PROGRAM MODULES

Experience **archaeology like never before**, blending **hands-on fieldwork** with **cutting-edge research tools.**

Module 1: Archaeological Research & Methods - Go beyond textbooks!

Learn from experts at the **Navarino Environmental Observatory (NEO)** and **Pylos Archaeological Museum.**

3 weeks | 30 hours/week | ECTS: 3 - US credits: 1,5

Module 2: On-Site Training – Master the Craft!

Hands-on excavation and survey work with **GIS, drones, and geophysical prospection.**

3 weeks | 34 hours/week | ECTS: 3.4 - US credits: 1,7

Module 3: Laboratory Training – Dig Deep with Tech!

Work at the **Laboratory of Archaeometry in Kalamata**, applying **cultural technologies to archaeological research.** *1 week | 36 hours/week | ECTS: 2.4 - US credits: 1,2*

Module 4: Archaeological & Cultural Landscapes

Explore **Messenia & Laconia's** legendary sites, from Mycenaean tombs to medieval fortresses. Learn about **sustainable site management & heritage protection.**

1 week | 18 hours total | ECTS: 1.2 - US credits: 0,6

Join a pioneering program!

Offered by **top institutions**, this is your chance to **shape the future of archaeological research!**

“Cutting-edge technologies applied to surface archaeological research”





Say yes
to new
Adventures

IS THIS PROGRAM RIGHT FOR YOU?

This program is ideal for students and researchers in archaeology, history, classics, environmental and cultural technologies studies, offering an unparalleled academic and immersive learning experience in a region of unique environmental significance, where mythology and history come to life.



“ Be Part of Cinematic History! The Hollywood film *Odyssey* was filmed right in our project area, bringing Homer’s epic to life on the big screen.”





TUITION AND FEES

The total cost of the program is **€2,900.00** and covers:

- ✓ Tuition fees
- ✓ Accommodation (air-conditioned double rooms with private bathroom in Pylos & Kalamata)
- ✓ Meals (buffet breakfast, light lunch, and dinner)
- ✓ Daily transportation (to and from the field)
- ✓ Excavation tools, equipment & specialized instruments during field research

The following groups are eligible for a discount*:

- 20% for unemployed individuals
- 24% for undergraduate and postgraduate students from Greece and EU countries
- 20% for people with disabilities ($\geq 67\%$)
- 20% members of large families (three or more children) with an income of up to €15,000 (applicable to members up to 25 years old)
- 20% graduates of the University of the Peloponnese and the former TEI of the Peloponnese
- 20% "Early Bird" registration, and for group registrations of more than five people.

* Only one discount category can apply per applicant.

“ One full **Scholarship** will be offered in memoriam of the field school's founder **Professor Nikolaos Zacharias** ”

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