

## Field School in British Archaeology

**Program** The Bader International Study Centre of Queen's University announces a **Field School in British Archaeology** to be offered during the summer of 2012. This is an intensive five week program (June 16<sup>th</sup> to July 19<sup>th</sup>) incorporating two unique courses on *Roman Britain* and on *Medieval Britain* with the practical learning experience of excavation. Students will receive credit for these two courses, but will also experience over 80 hours of hands-on experience in supervised digging and an introduction to archaeological practice/techniques. Instruction will be provided both by specialists in the history and archaeology of the British Isles, and experts in archaeological practice/techniques.



### Location



The Field School will be based at Queen's own Herstmonceux Castle, located in the picturesque East Sussex landscape in south-east England. Built in 1441 by Sir Roger Fiennes, a knight who fought under Henry V at the Battle of Agincourt, Herstmonceux Castle is one of the oldest brick buildings in England and when constructed was the largest private home in the country. The estate is rich in history, with Roman, Medieval and Neolithic sites scattered across the grounds.

## Courses



**Roman Britain:** Students will explore the history and archaeology of Roman Britain from the expeditions of Julius Caesar in 55 B.C. to the Roman withdrawal in 411 A.D. The course will include a mixture of lectures, seminars and instruction in archaeological practice, including on-site instruction in excavation. Students will also take part in field trips to nearby sites of Roman interest such as Fishbourne Roman Palace and Pevensey Castle.

**Medieval Britain:** In the second course, students will study the history and archaeology of Medieval Britain, from the fall of the Roman Empire to the late 15<sup>th</sup> century. Students will examine the history and archaeology of this crucial period through a series of lectures and seminars from specialists in the field, as well as actively participating in an archaeological excavation. Field studies trips to sites of special interest may include St. Augustine's Abbey in Canterbury and the field of the Battle of Hastings.



**Summative Experience** In week five all field school students will take part in a four night, five day tour of some of the greatest archaeological sites England has to offer. Sites visited may include: the City of York, which would include the Yorvik Viking Centre, Yorkminster and Clifford's Tower; Bamburgh Castle and the Holy Island of Lindisfarne; Hadrian's Wall, including Housesteads Roman Fort and the legionary fortress of Vindolanda. There may be a chance to spend time excavating during this trip.

**Cost** The cost for the full program, including the summative experience during week five, is \$6290.00 (Cdn). This includes tuition (each course is worth 3.0 units), accommodation, transport for the Field School, full board, and all classroom and on-site instruction. Students will need additional money for spending, personal entertainment, transport to/from the UK and lunch and suppers during the extended field trip in week five.



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*The Deadline for applications is April 9<sup>th</sup> 2012. There is a limit of 20 students, so please apply early.*