



Akko and the CRUSADES

May 23rd ~ June 15th 2014



6-credit URI field school. Offered in collaboration with the Acre International Conservation Center & the Israel Antiquities Authority.

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Applications will be approved on a rolling basis. Final deadline is March 3rd 2014.



A three-week URI field school on the **History & Archaeology of the Crusades**, taught in the Medieval City of Akko (Acre), Israel.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

HIS 393-391 is a team-taught multi-disciplinary introduction to Akko (Acre) and the Crusades combined with land-based and underwater fieldwork experience options. Through a unique collaboration with the Israel Antiquities Authority and Akko International Conservation Center, land option students will experience total immersion in the world of the Crusades: the history and historiography, literature, art, architecture, archaeology, and geography. They will gain hands-on experience with local experts in what it takes to study and conserve the world's best-preserved Medieval-Ottoman city while respecting the identity and cultural heritage of Akko's vibrant Arab community. Underwater students will take part in the IAA-URI excavations of Akko's ancient port. Both land and underwater programs will combine for evening classes. We will also put the Crusades in context with a brief survey of the broader history of Akko & Israel.

6 Credits in History ~ HIS 393 Special Topic & HIS 391 Independent Study

- OPTION ONE: **Land option:** Akko & the Crusades (HIS 393) and a practical introduction to the archaeology and social history of medieval Akko.
HIS 393 The Crusades + HIS 391 Directed Study (land practicum).
- OPTION TWO: **Underwater option:** Akko & the Crusades (HIS 393) and a practical introduction to the underwater archaeology of Akko (medical clearance and AAUS scientific diving certification required; contact Dr. Buxton).
HIS 393 The Crusades + HIS 391 Directed Study (underwater practicum).
- OPTION THREE: **Graduate Research:** Consult with instructors for graduate options (HIS 591).

PROGRAM STAFF

- URI Coordinator: **Dr. Bridget Buxton - Asst. Professor of History, University of Rhode Island**
Underwater Archaeology, Classical History
- Lead Instructor: **Dr. Joëlle Rollo-Koster - Professor of History, University of Rhode Island**
Medieval History and the Crusades
- Land Option: **Shelley-Ann Peleg - Director, Akko International Conservation Center**
Eliezer Stern - Chief Archaeologist, Acre and Western Galilee
Archaeologists and Conservators from the Israel Antiquities Authority will teach workshops in their areas of specialization.
- Underwater: **Jacob Sharvit - Director, Maritime Unit, Israel Antiquities Authority**
Dror Planer - Archaeologist, Maritime Unit, Israel Antiquities Authority
Eran Rosen - Diving Safety Officer

PROGRAM LOGISTICS

- Summer 2014: May 23rd-June 15th in Akko, Israel (3 weeks)
- Accommodation: The Akko Sand Hostel; 13/26 Salah A Din St, Akko Old City, Acre, Israel
- Food: Breakfast and dinner provided by the hostel
- Class location: International Conservation Center - Città di Roma
<http://conservationcenter.org.il> / Ph. +972 (4) 981 7322
Weizman 1, POB 1088, Old Acre, Israel
- Transport / tours: Personal arrangements to - from Israel and Akko
Weekend tours to archaeological and cultural sites in Israel
- Program Cost: \$4700 covers instruction, cultural activities, accommodation, most food

If you are interested in learning more, please email (babuxton@mail.uri.edu) or phone (401 874 4085) Dr. Buxton. Detailed information will also be posted on the 3rd floor noticeboard of Washburn Hall.