

NeHCA 561

Field Archaeology
(Practical training)

Semester 2nd
Paper V
Cr/hours-3
Teaching Hours - 48

Objectives

The objective of this course is to enable the students to understand and explain the importance and scope of archaeological exploration and excavation. After the study of the course the students will be able to undertake the practical archaeological work in the field.

Course Content

The course has been designed for practical training. The students shall take part in the training of archaeological exploration and excavation as decided by the department.

Training in the following areas of Archaeological Exploration

- 1 Methods of Exploration of different Archaeological sites (such as Settlement Sites, Fort Sites, Burial Sites and Historical antiquities and Monument sites)
- 2 Methods of discovery; Use of Literary Sources and Folk Traditions and folklores
- 3 Village to Village Survey; use of Survey: use of Geophysical Methods; Use of Map and Arial Photography
- 4 Sampling Technique, Field Walking and Sondage.

Training in the following areas of Archaeological Excavation

Training in Planning and Methods

1. Surveying, Planning, Site Preparation
2. Lay out of excavation of different sites: habitation, rural, urban, burial and Monumental sites.
3. Methods of Excavation:- Vertical Methods of Excavation, Horizontal or Area Excavation Method and Quadrant Method of Excavation
- 4 Practical knowledge about methods; planning, drafting, photography; labeling; cataloging and classification works on excavation; Practical training in archaeological conservation including documentation, treatments and so on.

Training in Archaeological Research Methodology

- 1 Techniques of Field Data Collection
- 2 Recording of Evidence
3. Importance of Writing Report in Archaeological excavation.
- 4 Analysis and Format of Writing Report in Archaeological Research

Note - At the end of the practical training, students will obtain comprehensive practical knowledge and technical skills in field archaeology- in Archaeological exploration and in Archaeological excavation. Total field training will be held for 48 days as follows. The University will bear the entire expenses for the training.

- (a) For the training of Archaeological exploration student shall visit the archaeologically potential sites of Nepal as decided by the department for 16 days under the leadership of the subject teacher/s.
- (b) For the training of Archaeological excavation the student shall visit the excavated sites and places of Nepal and also take part in Archaeological excavation under the leadership of the subject teacher/s for a period of 32 days for the field training in excavation and the conservation, preservation works.

Evaluation Scheme

Examination of this paper shall be held in respective fields at the end of the training program. For which 50 marks each will be allocated for report writing and exam in the field.