

The following information will be published on the Courses page of the <a href="#">Summer Sessions Website</a> :			
<b>Course Title:</b>	THE ROMAN TO MEDIEVAL NEAR EAST: THE CAESAREA EXCAVATIONS, ISRAEL		
<b>Course Number:</b>	CLAS3730	<b>Course Credit:</b>	3
<b>First Instructor:</b>	Joseph L. Rife	<b>First Instructor Email:</b>	joseph.rife@vanderbilt.edu
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<b>Program start date:</b>	May 8, 2023	<b>Program end date:</b>	May 29, 2023
<b>Program location(s):</b> (City, Country)	Keysariya, Israel		
<b>If program goes to multiple countries (US included), please indicate specific start and end date for each country</b>	Only to Israel		
<b>Does this course fulfill any AXLE credit? If so, what?</b>	INT for AXLE		
<b>What are the pre-requisites (if any) for enrolling in this course?</b>	None		
<b>What is covered in the student budget:</b> (how many nights of housing, how many meals, travel, any necessary supplies textbooks, visa, admission to museums, etc.)	All lodging and travel in country (but see below); all program related costs, e.g. admissions, local transport, equipment (but see below)		
<b>What is <u>not</u> covered in the student budget:</b> (e.g., international airfare, supplies, visa costs, meals, etc.)	Flight to and from Israel (\$1200-1400), transfer to and from airport in Israel (\$70), meals while on excursions (five lunches plus three dinners: \$150-250), and incidental expenses (variable by person); individual cost of personal supplies (<\$30)		
<b>Visa needed for US passport holders?</b>	No		
<b>Does your course have a service-learning component?</b>	No		
<b>Please provide the course description below:</b>			
<p>From the earliest years of the Roman Empire through the fall of the Crusader Kingdom in the Holy Land, <b>Caesarea on the north coast of Israel was a thriving hub of power and innovation.</b> One of the largest ports on the eastern Mediterranean seaboard, Caesarea was a booming harbor that received frequent traffic from throughout world. It was the shining creation of Herod the Great, the capital of the province of Judaea, a hotspot for Jewish resistance to Roman rule, a destination for St. Peter’s mission and a Late Antique center for Christian scholarship, a major marketplace under the Islamic caliphates, and a formidable fortress for western knights. <b>Caesarea was thus a microcosm of the dramatic changes that swept through the region over fourteen centuries and define our world today.</b></p> <p>Students in this Maymester can discover this fascinating world of the past by joining the team of the new Caesarea Excavations. This is a unique opportunity to explore one of the world’s most spectacular seaside archaeological sites while digging alongside Herod’s temple great in the heart of the city. The nearly four-week program introduces students to the history and archaeology of the Near East and the culture of modern Israel. Students will learn about archaeological field techniques and interpretation, including stratigraphic excavation and recording, artifactual processing, and conservation. Students will also attend a series of seminars on various topics, from Roman pottery and architecture to ancient Judaism and early Islam, and they will join in excursions to major sites, such as the Galilee, Beth She’an, Jerusalem, Masada, and the Dead Sea. The team stays at the comfortable kibbutz Sdot Yam along the short near Caesarea in a safe and beautiful resort district with many</p>			

amenities. Requirements include participation in team activities, readings, quizzes on geography and chronology, one oral report and short paper, one essay exam.

**Please include the following in your Maymester program proposal for internal review:**

- Course syllabus
- Program itinerary (itineraries should be finalized by April 15)
- Safety plan
- Detailed budget that includes estimated total cost and clearly describes what's included in the fee AND what is not/what students should expect to need to cover out-of-pocket
- Maximum enrollment