



The Tell es-Safi/Gath Archaeological Project is a long-term investigation aimed at studying the archaeology, ecology, and history of one of the most important sites in Israel. This project, which began in 1996, is directed by Dr. Aren M. Maeir, an archaeologist from Bar Ilan University of Ramat-Gan, Israel, and brings together scholars from many disciplines.

Tell es-Safi, identified by most scholars as the Biblical city of Gath (the home of Goliath!), is one of the largest tells in Israel and was settled almost continuously from the 5th millennium BCE until modern times. It is located in the foothills, at the juncture of the coastal plains and the central mountains, east of Ashkelon.



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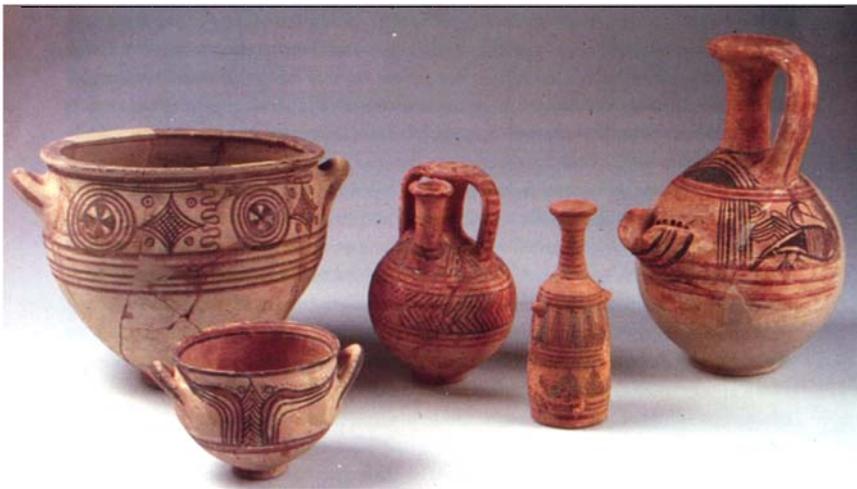
THE S. DANIEL ABRAHAM HONORS PROGRAM
 TRAVEL COURSE
Archaeological Fieldwork at



Summer Session • July 2 - July 28 • 2017

SOCI 1212H/BIB 1645
Archaeological Fieldwork at Tell es-Safi/Gath, Israel
 3 Credits; *Instructor:* Jill Katz
 Cost: \$1,500 (for tuition) + \$2,200 (room and board) + airfare

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to gain academic and practical experience in the recovery and analysis of the material remains of an ancient culture. Students will participate in all aspects of the excavation, including: digging and surveying at the site, sampling soil, and recording of architecture. They will also participate in the various tasks that take place at the base camp, such as the washing and reading of pottery, soil matrix analysis, and faunal and floral identification. Field trips to other archaeological sites in the general area will be provided weekly. In addition, lectures on topics relating to the site, the archaeology of Israel, and methodology will be held three times a week.



The course takes place in Israel for four weeks. Students stay in the guest cottages at Neveh Shalom. The course runs from Sunday through Friday each week, and students will keep daily field journals.



Daily Schedule:

- 4:45 AM Wake up
- 5:15 AM Bus to tell
- 6:00 AM Start work at tell
- 9:00 AM Breakfast at tell
- 9:30 AM Resume digging
- 1:00 PM Finish digging at tell
- 1:30 PM Lunch at kibbutz
- 2:30 PM Pottery washing and lab analysis
- 4:00 PM Field trip (once a week)
- 7:00 PM Supper at kibbutz
- 8:00 PM Evening Lecture



Open to Honors students, Honors eligible students, and non-Honors students with permission of instructor. Space is limited.