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GALLICANO
project

GALLICANO FIELD SCHOOL IN MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND BIOARCHAEOLOGY

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Gallicano Summer School in Medieval Archaeology and Bioarchaeology offers students a unique opportunity to engage in archaeological and bioarchaeological fieldwork. The program is centered around excavations at the Pieve di San Cassiano site in Gallicano, a municipality located approximately 20 miles north of Lucca, Tuscany, Italy.

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Pieve di San Cassiano dates back to the early Middle Ages, though its exact foundation date remains uncertain. It was once a prominent religious center in the Serchio Valley, overseeing 23 churches. Following the Black Death in 1348, the Pieve gradually declined until its complete abandonment in the 15th century. Today, the site, nestled within a wooded area, offers a well-preserved archaeological context, including the remains of the church, outbuildings, fortifications, and extensive cemetery areas.

OBJECTIVES

- Excavation and analysis of the medieval cemetery, focusing on demography, burial characteristics, and funerary rituals.
- Bioarchaeological analysis of the medieval population, including biodiversity, paleopathology, and activity markers.
- Reconstruction of the settlement's evolution from the late antique period to the modern age.
- Analysis of the material culture of the religious center, with emphasis on commercial dynamics, economic activities, and the dissemination of technical knowledge related to the site's life.

Beyond academic research, the project seeks to foster public engagement in archaeology. This involves the local community in archaeological research and implementing effective practices for sharing findings with the broader public, particularly regarding the significance of medieval human remains for contemporary society.

STAFF

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LANGUAGE

The official language of the Field School is English, and no knowledge of Italian is required

DATES FOR 2026 FIELD SCHOOL

June 29th – July 17th 2026

CREDITS

- 10 undergraduate credits (ECTS) through the University of Pisa
- Certificate of attendance from the Division of Paleopathology of the University of Pisa

TUITION FEES AND ACCOMODATION COSTS

COST: 2,300,00 €

The fee includes accomodation for the entire period and meals from Monday to Friday ,

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 20th, 2026

The Field School Gallicano in Medieval Archaeology and Bioarchaeology is focused on the study of archaeology and ancient human remains and welcomes students in anthropology, archaeology, paleopathology and allied disciplines at undergraduate and graduate levels.

The Field School has no formal prerequisites. Students interested in applying to the Field School must fill out and submit the enrolment Form following the procedures indicated at the University website:

paleopatologia.it/field-school-gallicano



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