

Practical Conservation Course at Tel Dor, Israel

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Curriculum:

Day 1

1. Practical work in the field:

- Presentation of the site and the areas in which the course is conducted.
- Documentation of the working areas and data collection in each area by the students.

2. Lectures:

- Documentation for preservation - general methods, history, ethics and policy.
- History and archaeology of Tel Dor - general presentation.

Day 2

1. Practical work in the field:

- Continuation of documentation by the students: state of preservation and ancient materials.
- Preparation of working plans and beginning of practical conservation work.

2. Lectures:

- Composition of sediments and construction materials at Tel Dor and its vicinity.
- Special conservation problems at Tel Dor.

Day 3

1. Practical work in the field:

Conservation work in the field: preparation of the working area, cleaning as part of the conservation process, introduction to the different conservation materials and their uses.

2. Lectures:

- Current conservation policy in Israel.
- Ancient mortars and plasters.

Day 4:

1. Practical work in the field:

- Continuation of the conservation work: applying the different materials and methods for consolidation of the different architectural elements.
- Preparation of different ancient mixtures of mortars.

Lectures:

- Ancient building technologies at Tel Dor.
- Engineering problems in the conservation of archaeological sites.

Day 5

1. Practical work in the site:

Concluding the conservation work and documentation of the conservation process.

2. Lectures:

- Case studies in conservation of different archaeological sites.
- The Conservation report: its importance and guidelines for its preparation.

Day 6

Individual tutoring regarding the final conservation report to be submitted by the students.