

## Archeology of the South of Russia

### Course description (annotation)

<b>Archeology of the South of Russia</b>	
Department responsible for the course	Institute of History & International Relations <b>MA Expertise in History and Humanities</b>
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Semester when the course unit is delivered	Autumn semester
Teaching hours per week	4
Level of course unit (for ex., Second cycle – Master level)	Master Level
ECTS credits	5
Admission requirements	a basic knowledge of history and geography
Course objectives (aims)	The reconstruction of cultural and historical processes in the South of Russia in the stone, paleometallic, early iron age, middle ages and modern times on archaeological data
Course contents	<p>The course focuses on the holistic view of the results of archaeological research of monuments from the stone age to modern times in the South of Russia in general and on the Lower don in particular, focusing on the discoveries of recent decades.</p> <p>The course is closely connected with the achievements of modern archaeological science and is focused on the students' understanding of modern literature and their understanding of the main trends of archaeology.</p> <p>The core modules are</p> <p>Module 1. History of the study and the main historiographical concepts of the archaeology of the South of Russia</p> <p>Module 2. Archaeology of the stone age in the South of Russia.</p> <p>Module 3. Archaeology of the epoch of paleometal in the South of Russia</p> <p>Module 4. Archaeology of the early iron age in the South of Russia.</p> <p>Module 5. Archaeology of the middle ages in the South of Russia.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p>On successful completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• analyze archaeological data;</li> <li>• have a vision on historiography of the main problems;</li> <li>• understand the specifics of archaeological cultures and monuments of different eras;</li> <li>• use archaeological methods for historical expertise.</li> </ul>
Planned learning activities and teaching methods (for ex., lectures with a variety of examples and practice)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lectures.</li> <li>• essays,</li> <li>• reviews,</li> <li>• practical exercises</li> <li>• projects.</li> </ul>
Assessment methods and criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual assignments: at least 38 out of 60 maximum score.</li> <li>• Written exam (2500 Word Essay): at least 22 out of 40 maximum score.</li> </ul>
Course literature (recommended or required)	Renfrew, A.C. and Bahn, P., 1991, Archaeology: Theories, Methods and Practice, London: Thames and Hudson.

Reconstruction of cultural and historical processes in the South of Russia in the stone, paleometallic, early iron age, middle ages and modern times, identification of mechanisms of cultural Genesis and life support systems, as well as generalization of extensive factual material, especially in the course of research in recent years. The course is designed to give undergraduates knowledge on the history of the formation of scientific concepts of the stone, copper, bronze, early iron ages, the middle ages and modern times, to form an idea of the advanced nature of development in these epochs in southern Russia compared to neighboring territories, to reveal the causes of this phenomenon.

Tasks:

- to give an overview of the current state of the terminology base of the discipline (Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Eneolithic, paleometallic, early iron age, cultural Genesis, etc.);
- to consider the historiographical outline of the main theoretical and methodological aspects of the discipline depending on the dynamics of the source process;
- to make the analysis of natural-geographical and cultural-historical context of development of the population of the territory of the South of Russia on a time range from the stone age and till modern time;
- to formulate the problems of discipline, which has a cross-cutting character for the considered epochs: regional specificity of tool activity, evolution of life support systems, funeral rites, art, etc.;
- to form a holistic view of the results of archaeological research of monuments from the stone age to modern times in the South of Russia in General and on the Lower don in particular, focusing on the discoveries of recent decades;
- to acquaint undergraduates with research of the brightest archaeological objects of the South of Russia, to give representations about features of a technique of their identification and research;
- to show the historical and local history significance of studying the monuments of the considered epochs, educational and educational-Patriotic significance of these works.

History of the study and the main historiographical concepts of the archaeology of the South of Russia

Archaeology of the stone age in the South of Russia.

Archaeology of the epoch of paleometal in the South of Russia

Archaeology of the early iron age in the South of Russia.

Archaeology of the middle ages in the South of Russia.