

History of Civilizations through Archeopolitics
Blended Intensive Programme Course
INFO SHEET

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Name of the BIP	History of Civilizations Through Archeopolitics
BIP CODE	2024-1-TR01-KA131-HED-000196978-3
Coordinating university	TOBB ETU
Online Course dates	1-18 May 2026
Period of the physical mobility	17-23 May 2026 (including arrival and departure days)
Study Cycle	BA
Location	Bodrum/TURKIYE
Time frame	<i>Duration of the online phase: 21 hours Duration of the attendance phase in days (without travelling, min. 5 days, max. 30 days): 5 days Date (month or week): May 2026</i>
ECTS (min. 3 ECTS)	6

Course Description:

It has become more visible after the Covid-19 pandemic that the world is going through a very important transformation process. Understanding what we are going through and thinking about what awaits us in the future has become the most fundamental subject of study for all those interested in different sub-branches of political science. The effort to understand radical changes that we have never witnessed before inevitably leads us to take a closer look at Human History. For understanding the reasons of similar radical changes in the past and seeing how they happened can well provide us with some guiding data about the present and the future. Political Science, which in fact conventionally focuses on analyzing the present and predicting the future, has nowadays turned its gaze to the past more than ever. In this context, fields such as archeology and anthropology, which are likely to provide the oldest information, are increasingly attracting the attention of Political Scientists. Increasing technology also has a great impact on the increasing acceptance of the view that in order to understand "what is above the ground", we need to look at "what is underground". Because technology-supported archaeological studies are now providing serious data about the lives of past people and the law and order they established. At this point, "Anatolia" also has a special importance. For it has become

increasingly clear that Anatolia has a very special and pioneering place in the Neolithization process, which resulted in the institutionalization of settled farming societies that gave rise to the very first city-States established in Mesopotamia.

Based on this understanding, the program will focus on two main subjects, ie. "Law and Order in Stateless Societies" and "The Invention of State and Its Evolution". Thus the "50 thousand years of human history" will be re-evaluated basically in the light of the latest data particularly unearthed in recent (mostly Neolithic) excavations in Anatolia.

The course is mainly for Archaeology, Political Science, International Relations, and for other Social Science programs. Yet, there is not any prerequisite so any student from any program can take the course.

Assessment

The assessment of the term is as follows:

Attendance	25%
Participation/Quiz exams	25%
Research Paper and Presentation	50%

Students who fail to fulfil ECTS requirements will be given a signed certificate of attendance for showing their participation.

GUIDELINE FOR the FINAL ASSIGNMENT

For the Final Exam, each student will choose a subject on the World History In the Light of a Recent Archeological Findings from his/her own country and, with approval of the subjects and, subsequently, the content by the lecturer, you will need to submit a research paper and a video recording of yourself presenting this paper. The research paper and presentation will constitute **50% of your total grade**.

Research Paper

Once you choose your **main subject/week** from the syllabus of History of Civilizations Through Archeopolitics, you should decide on a unique **subtopic** of yours that is related to the chosen subject. Word limit for the research paper is **1000 words (-250, +500)**. A 100-word abstract and a bibliography are required. You should add at least 5 sources to the bibliography which must include mainly from required readings on the syllabus (you are allowed to use outside sources as well).

Academic writing rules must be followed strictly. Please follow the guidelines of the Journal of International Relations for academic writing and referencing. The link to the guidelines: <https://www.ir-journal.com/for-authors/guidelines>

Presentation Video: Each student should submit a **5-7 minutes video recording** where you present your research. No PowerPoint is required, a **verbal** presentation is adequate.