

GRS 482B: Seminar in Roman Archaeology

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Archaeological objects (such as pottery, coins and faunal remains) cannot be expected to explain themselves in the way that written evidence often does. They have to be understood and interpreted inside their archaeological contexts. In this course, students will manipulate ancient objects, learning how to identify, record, quantify and interrogate them to study the everyday social, cultural and economic practices across the Roman world.

Learning Outcomes:

Presented with different archaeological objects such as ceramics, coins and faunal remains, you will identify and classify them according to typologies, their origin and morphological and functional categories.

- ✓ Presented with different archaeological objects, you will analyze how these objects are used to reconstruct important economic, social and cultural aspects of the Roman world.
- ✓ By experiencing 3D modelling, 3D printing and Virtual Reality, you will describe how new technologies are applied to the study of Roman material culture.
- ✓ By constantly participating in class discussions, you will organize your ideas and communicate your opinions effectively in a research environment.

