Course Description:
Archaeological objects (such as pottery, coins and bones) 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 handle ancient objects learning how to identify, record and assess them in order to study the everyday social, cultural and economical practices across the Roman world.

Course Outcomes/objectives:
- Learn how to identify and classify ceramic categories and typologies. Be able to recognize where a pot comes from and when it was made;
- Study why and how coins were made and how can we use them to answer cultural and economical issues;
- Training in how to excavate and record human remains. Learn to distinguish age, gender and basic pathologies;
- Explore new technologies to document archaeological objects, including 3D modeling and Virtual reality.

Course Pre-/Co-requisites:
- GRS 372 or permission of the department

(This online outline is not the official course syllabus and is intended to give an overall sense of the course only. Detailed course outlines will be made available to registered students on the first day of class)