This course examines the development of writing technology in the Aegean from the 3rd millennium to the 1st millennium BC. Beginning with Early Bronze Age sealing systems, we will trace the development of syllabic scripts on Crete and mainland Greece during the 2nd millennium BC. We will learn the Mycenaean syllabary, the history of its decipherment, and proceed to read selected texts. The course concludes with an examination of decline of syllabic scripts in the Aegean and the adoption of alphabetic script during the Early Iron Age.

Learning outcomes:
- How writing developed in the Aegean and how it was influenced by other cultures in the Eastern Mediterranean.
- How Linear B tablets were made through a hands-on workshop focused on reproducing individual tablets.
- Knowledge about Mycenaean Greek and its relationship to the Homeric texts.