Participate in a hands-on practicum in biblical archaeology, at the site of Tell es-Safi/Gath, biblical Philistine Gath, home of legendary Goliath. Through participation in the course, get to know basic archaeological field techniques, various inter-disciplinary methods used in archaeology, and a first-hand knowledge of the archaeology of the ancient near east.

Summer Program in Biblical Archaeology

Practicum in Biblical Field Archaeology

at Tell es-Safi/Gath, Israel

June 24th - July 20th, 2018

[https://gath.wordpress.com/excavation-application/](https://gath.wordpress.com/excavation-application/)
**Program overview:** The Tell es-Safi/Gath Excavation Project is one of the largest and longest-lasting archaeological projects in the Near East, studying the archaeological remains of one of the most important ancient sites in Israel - Tell es-Safi/Gath - biblical Gath of the Philistines. This multi-period tell has been excavated for more than 2 decades by a multi-disciplinary international team, led by Prof. Aren Maeir (BIU). Each summer, during the excavation season, an academic course in practical field archaeology is conducted.

The course entails 4 intensive weeks of excavation, in which students learn the basics of archaeological excavation techniques, methods of documentation various inter-disciplinary analytic methods, and other related aspects. In addition to the hands-on practicum during the excavations, the students hear lectures on related topics during the 4 weeks, participate in the processing of finds during the season, and go on field trips to other ancient sites in the region.

**Topics covered:** Field Archaeology; Archaeology of Ancient Israel; Biblical Archaeology; Zooarchaeology; Archaeobotany; Archaeological Science; ancient pottery; material culture.

**Academic Faculty:** Prof. Aren M. Maeir (BIU), Director of program and main lecturer; Prof. Ehud Weiss (BIU), Dr. Amit Dagan (BIU), Dr. Oren Ackerman (BIU), Dr. A. Eliyahu- Behar (BIU), Dr. L. Horwitz (HU), Prof. L. Hitchcock (Melbourne), Prof. H. Greenfield (Manitoba), Prof. J. Chadwick (BYU), Prof. E. Welch (Kansas), Prof. J. Katz (YU) and others.

**Schedule:** June 24th - July 20th, 2018; Four week program - Sunday afternoon to Friday afternoon
**Total:** 6 academic credits

**Admission and cost:** $3,200 for participation.
**Notice:** Price does not include travel to and from Israel; time in Israel before and after dig; weekends during the dig.

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