

STUDY

ABROAD

UNC IN ISRAEL: HUQOQ EXCAVATION PROJECT



Dates: late May to late June

Resident Director: Dr. Jodi Magness

Housing: Kibbutz Huqoq

GPA requirement: 2.5

Min. Class Standing: Rising Sophomore

Cost: See website

Application deadline: early February

Overview

This field school program, directed by Professor Jodi Magness of UNC-CH, provides students with the opportunity to participate in an archaeological excavation while learning about ancient and modern Israel.

Huqoq (modern Arabic name: Yaquq) is a small ancient village located 1.5 miles to the northwest of the Sea of Galilee in Israel. It is mentioned in 1 Chronicles 6:75 as part of the inheritance of the tribe of Asher: "Huqoq, with its pasture lands...." Later rabbinic sources (third to fourth centuries A.D.) refer to the gathering and processing of the mustard plant at Huqoq, reflecting the village's agrarian base. Huqoq flourished especially in the Late Roman and Byzantine periods (fifth and sixth centuries).

Academics

This four week summer field school program will provide participating students with 6 hours of UNC academic credit for the following course: CLAR 650: Field School in Classical Archaeology. The ruins of Huqoq are spread over an area of approximately 25 dunams (= 6 acres). The village lies in the center of the region that was the focus of Jesus' ministry. Capernaum, the home of the adult Jesus, is 3.2 miles to the east, and the town of Migdal, the birthplace of Mary Magdalene, is 2.8 miles to the south. An ancient synagogue building, the remains of which are still visible in the midst of the ruins of Huqoq, will be the focus of the Huqoq Excavation Project (HEP).



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