



IFR AND UCLA CREDIT UNITS

Students attending Institute of Field Research (“IFR”) field schools will be awarded 12 quarter-based credit units upon completion. These units are equivalent to 8 semester credit units. For all IFR’s archaeology field schools, the 12 credit units are awarded as a single ARCH XL 159 class. Credit units are provided through UCLA Extension and are designated XL classes. [UCLA defines XL classes](#) as the following:

“Courses [that] are equivalent to undergraduate courses offered by the UCLA regular session. All XL courses are transferable for unit and subject credit toward the Bachelor’s Degree at all campuses of the University of California. Up to 36 units of credit earned in the XL 1-199 course series can be accepted for unit, subject, and grade credit toward a bachelor’s degree at any campus of the California State University system (CSU). Courses numbered ... numbered 100 to 199 are considered upper division (junior/senior).”

Each IFR field school is reviewed annually by the [IFR Academic Board](#), consisting of leading scholars in the field. In addition, each field school is subject to a three-step evaluation process within UCLA:

1. UCLA Extension academic staff reviews the teaching capabilities, qualifications and experience of each field school director(s).
2. A special faculty committee at the [UCLA Interdepartmental Archaeology Graduate Program](#) (ranked first in the US by the National Academy of Science) reviews the academic and research quality of each field school.
3. The UCLA Academic Senate reviews input from all units and ensures adherence to all UCLA academic and administrative standards. Its final approval allows IFR field schools to be officially listed in the UCLA Extension catalog as XL classes.

Only field schools passing all three evaluation steps at UCLA are approved. Students attending and completing these programs will be awarded the 12 quarter based credits units.

Most universities accept UCLA credit units – there are very few exceptions. Notwithstanding the above, students are strongly encouraged to discuss the transferability of the credit units with their own school official(s) BEFORE attending an IFR field school. How credits are counted may depend on individual student major, GPA and whether s/he is a transfer student. When meeting with school officials – usually the Registrar or Academic Adviser – students should print and present the field school syllabus, this leaflet and IFR website address so school officials may have a complete understanding of the ways the IFR operates.

We, the signatories below, verify that the information provided in this leaflet is accurate and reflects the true nature of credit units awarded to participating IFR students.

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