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INTRODUCTION
Neolithic settlements are among the most frequent types of prehistoric sites. Yet few have been investigated in the Baltic region. Scholars have incomplete understanding how Neolithic sites were built,
how different parts functioned and what activities took place, or how circular structures (identified through timber postholes in a circular form) had developed. This project aims to investigate these issues at Vasagård, a settlement on the island of Bornholm (Denmark) that corresponds chronologically to the Neolithic period c. 3500-2700 BCE.

The Neolithic dwellings at Vasagård and cultural layers fall broadly into two periods: (1) Early Neolithic B/C to Late Funnel Beaker culture; and (2) Middle Neolithic A-V to Middle Neolithic B-I. The Vasagård Archaeological Project aims to seek more detailed answers to specific questions at the sites and from those, to extrapolate about cultural traditions at the Baltic and North European Neolithic Period. Our goal is not only to explore the richness of the archaeological materials found on Vasagård but also the type and history of interactions among different groups/farming communities in the Baltic, their technology, economy, religion, and social organization.

Vasagård is divided into two distinct sections: (a) Section West with a tomb system, where a dolmen and a passage grave are present and (b) Section East with a settlement system. It is important to note that the proximity of a causewayed enclosure, graves and settlement is unique to the period. During the 2007 excavations of the East and West Enclosures, it was determined that the grave system was replaced by a stockade. The East Enclosure enclosed an approximately 4-hectare area and West Enclosure, a somewhat larger with about 7 hectares area. On each side at least 6 palisades and 3 phases of construction can be detected. Inside and within the palisade fence there is a settlement with traces of burnt offerings - cereal, bones and flint tools. So far, no traces of the characteristic two-aisled longhouses were identified; however, traces of at least 9 circular timber circles were found, seven on the east and two in the West site, but there are certainly more.

During excavations in 2013-2018, nearly 300 broken and complete flat stones were recovered, engraved with patterns of radiating straight lines. Dubbed ‘sun stones’ or ‘solar stones’, archaeologists at the Bornholm Museum dated those to c. 2900 BCE. They suggested that these artifacts were part of rituals carried out by Neolithic sun-worshippers. Other engraved stones include symbolic maps of local landscapes, and these were possibly used in rituals by individuals who hoped to magically influence the sun and thus fertility of their farmlands. Our current working hypothesis is that Vasagård was established by a group of early farmers who constructed a fenced stronghold with one public building, possibly a temple. The ornamented wall of the temple can be compared with similar finds at the site of Schalkenburg in Sachsen-Anhalt (Germany), suggesting ritual use.

In 2021, IFR will take part in the excavation of two of the system graves belonging to the Sarup and the causeways enclosure at Vasagård Vest. A special find from previous seasons was composed of an assemblage of seeds, “sunstones” and ceramics, that corresponds to the Funnel Beaker Culture in other parts of Denmark and overlaps in time with the Pitted Ware Culture and the Early Battle Axe Culture (Middle Neolithic A-V and Middle Neolithic B-I). Our interest will particularly focus to complete the excavation on Cultural Layer II (MN A III) and the new section opened at structure XIII.2; and the cultural layers (MN V) in the structure XXXV, where most of the sunstones have been found in Vasagård west. We want to understand the deposition process of the layers and the differences in content in contrast with other layers. It is also of interest to the project to understand the time span of the deposition process of each layer and recover all the archaeological material associated to this layer.
ACADEMIC CREDIT UNITS & TRANSCRIPTS

**Credit Units:** Attending students will be awarded 8 semester credit units (equivalent to 12 quarter credit units) through our academic partner, Connecticut College. Connecticut College is a private, highly ranked liberal arts institution with a deep commitment to undergraduate education. Students will receive a letter grade for attending this field school (see grading assessment and matrix). This field school provides a minimum of 160 direct instructional hours. Students are encouraged to discuss the transferability of credit units with faculty and registrars at their home institution prior to attending this field school.

**Transcripts:** An official copy of transcripts will be mailed to the permanent address listed by students on their online application. One more transcript may be sent to the student home institution at no cost. Additional transcripts may be ordered at any time through the National Student Clearinghouse: [http://bit.ly/2hvurk](http://bit.ly/2hvurk).

PREREQUISITES

There are no prerequisites for participation in this field school. Field archaeology requires a great deal of physical work and exposure to the elements, and thus requires a measure of acceptance that this will not be the typical university learning environment. Work in field archaeology requires endurance, discipline, and attention to detail.

DISCLAIMER – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Our primary concern is with education. Traveling and conducting field research involve risk. Students interested in participating in IFR programs must weigh whether the potential risk is worth the value of education provided. While risk is inherent in everything we do, we do not take risk lightly. The IFR engages in intensive review of each field school location and programming prior to approval. Once a program is accepted, the IFR reviews each program annually to make sure it still complies with all our standards and policies, including those pertaining to student safety.

The IFR does not provide trip or travel cancellation insurance. We encourage students to explore such insurance on their own as it may be purchased at affordable prices. [insuremytrip.com](http://insuremytrip.com) or [Travelguard.com](http://Travelguard.com) are possible sites where field school participants may explore travel cancellation insurance quotes and policies. If you do purchase such insurance, make sure the policy covers the cost of both airfare and tuition.

The average summer temperature in the island is 21°C/68° F. Although summers in Bornholm are pleasant, weather conditions may change. Students should plan accordingly by bringing clothes and sunscreens suitable for hot, sunny, humid weather, but should also consider the possibility of rainy, windy and chilly days.

It is important to remember that field work in Bornholm implies a high level of outdoor physical activity, including walking, lifting, shoveling, troweling, and kneeling. Participation in the project is not recommended for individuals with solar allergies or other special illnesses that might be exacerbated during the intensive outdoor activities. Working conditions also include digging in soil and contact with human remains that have been buried in the soil. All injuries or allergies (however minor) should be reported to one of the field school directors. An up-to-date tetanus shot is necessary.
We do our best to follow a schedule of activities, methods training, and programming as outlined in this syllabus. However, this schedule can be easily disrupted by any number of unforeseen circumstances, including revised decisions by local permitting agencies, political unrest, and changes in the weather. While this schedule represents the best of the director(s) intentions, we - students and staff alike - need to be adaptable and tolerant of necessary alterations. This adaptability is an intrinsic part of all field research.

If you have any medical concerns, please consult with your doctor. For all other concerns, please consult with the project director.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

For the 2021 season, participants in the Vasagård field school will take part in excavations of the main sections of the enclosure. The season will cover the following three modules:

1. **To introduce students to the following:**
   - Field archaeology and finds processing methods, considering the specifics of excavating a Neolithic settlement
   - The archaeology of the Neolithic period in Bornholm with focus on Neolithic settlement patterns, activity areas, pottery, and lithic and other archaeological material

To prepare students to perform the following:

- **Excavation:** Students will be involved directly in the systematic excavation of archaeological remains and basic excavation tasks such as using proper excavation tools and techniques, following excavation procedures, recognizing artifacts and ecofacts, and distinguishing archaeological contexts during their involvement in excavation activities.
- **Basic field documentation tasks during an ongoing excavation project such as using measuring and documentation tools, and creating written, graphic and photographic record**
- **Principles of GIS and its applications in archaeology**
- **Finds processing and documentation procedures such as cleaning, sorting, labelling, documenting, storing archaeological finds, flotation, processing soil samples, studying and recording Iron Age-Viking pottery, and other material.**
- **Sampling:** Students will receive training on the types of samples that might be collected for research and in the information that can be gained from such sampling. They will learn how to collect such samples and will be able to put this into practice during excavation
- **Recording:** Throughout excavation and post-excavation analysis, students will gain experience in detailed recording techniques necessary for optimum information recovery. This will include detailed GPS recording of each excavation for digital mapping and the collection of archaeological material information before valuable information might be lost
- **Photogrammetry:** Students will be taught the basic principles of photogrammetry and practice it by maintaining a photogrammetric record of the areas they excavate.
- **Post-excavation analysis:** Students will gain experience with post-excavation analysis during the fieldwork by carrying out analysis of the material they excavate

2. **Lectures, workshops and field training** on prehistoric and field archaeology, finds, and samples processing and documentation. Lectures on related topics will be given by guest professors and basic courses in technical skills of GIS, Photogrammetry, and use of Total Station will be given as part of the field and laboratory training.
3. **Visits** to archaeological sites in the island and the archaeological warehouse of the museum. The visits to archaeological sites and the warehouse from the museum will provide the students with a comparative perspective of sites and materials with which they will be working. (May be canceled Due to COVID-19)

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Fieldwork will focus on the excavation of the Neolithic settlements and structures of Vasagård, and as such basic excavation techniques as well as screening, sifting, and flotation will be taught in full. It will also impart the development of archaeological field documentation by maintaining a field journal on a daily basis, filling context sheets and labels, drawing an elevation plan/ground plan/cross-section, 3D positioning of finds, taking coordinates with a total station, and taking photographs at the site. Courses and seminars will help to understand the theory, the methods, and techniques applied during the fieldwork.

At the end of the fieldwork program, participants are expected to submit a report and present a practical evaluation of their experience.

**GRADING MATRIX**

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**Fieldwork participation (50%):** Students are required to participate in everyday activities of field school (excavation, laboratory, and lectures). This component will be assessed over the duration of the course and will reflect engagement both in the excavation and post-excavation components.

*Appropriate conduct, work ethic, and teamwork will be evaluated.

**Field journal (20%):** Students are expected to maintain a field journal which will be submitted at the end of the field school, together with a brief report and archaeological material recovered at their excavation unit. Project staff will instruct and advise students on the requirements for all these processes. The field journal will be a daily journal maintained to record observations, thoughts, conclusions, and so on. It should also include observations and notes on things learned/experienced during the visits to the sites and the warehouse of the museum. It can include sketches and drawings and/or photographs. If maps were created on GIS, they will also be included. Further specifications will be provided in the beginning of the field school.

The field journal will be reviewed by the staff in order to assist the students in the quality of the information recorded. This will also be reflected in the final report submitted by the students at the end of the course.

At the end of the fieldwork program, students are expected to submit the **Field report** and return the **archaeological material** recovered during the excavation. This is equivalent to **20%** of the evaluation. Reports will be due at the end of the field course and should consist of a formal academic paper. Each report should be 10 pages (approx.) in length and follow the assignment guidelines in terms of format and reference (formatting guide will be provided in the introductory course). These reports should include the full material inventories each student was responsible for (as appendices and not part of the page count).
and discussion of their results. Students will also have input their information into the shared database and each student will be responsible for summarizing the results from one component of the analysis (ceramic, lithic, bone, and so on) in their report. Results should be discussed in relation to the archaeological and cultural context of the Early Viking period in Denmark, referring to academic literature whenever possible. Reports will be due at the end of week 4 and be submitted electronically as .doc/.docx files.

**Practical exam (10%)**: A practical exam will take place in the beginning of the third week of the field school. Questions will address the archaeological context and materials learned through the experience gained after reading, excavating, and acquiring knowledge from the site and its materials.

**NOTE:**

1. Successful completion of this course requires the student to a) complete all assignments and tests and b) attend and participate in all excavation and laboratory activities. Participation will involve regular recording and data entry. **If students do not demonstrate adequate effort in these activities, or if there are unaddressed concerns in your handling of archaeological material, marks may be deducted from your overall score in this course.** All assignments apart from the test will be submitted electronically.
2. Archaeological materials should always be treated with care as they are cultural heritage. In case of human remains, respect should be presented at all times.
3. Photos of the excavation and archaeological materials can only be used for the purposes outlined as part of the project. They are not for personal use and should not be posted on public forums unless such postings are pre-approved by the staff. Failure to abide by any of these points of practice could result in suspension of activities in the field school and review of further activities.
4. Students are expected to interact with visitor during Open days of the excavation as part of the Bornholm’s Museum public outreach.

**TRAVEL, ROOM & BOARD, & SAFETY LOGISTICS**

**Disclaimer for 2021 Season.** The logistics outlined below for this IFR field school were written according to the most current and accurate information available to IFR. We recognize that the best practices for preventing the transmission of the coronavirus may change in the coming months. The IFR will be revisiting program-specific plans periodically throughout the enrollment period and will update program details according to new developments, such as the presence and availability of a vaccine, new travel protocols, and updated local policies.

An IFR field school is designed to provide positive, constructive experiences for communities, students, and researchers. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the following protocols have been developed based on the assumption that any participant in an IFR field school may be an asymptomatic carrier of SARS COVID-19. Our goal, with these protocols, is to reduce the possibility for COVID-19 transmission among participants, staff, and local community members. IFR depends on the complete and sustained commitment of all students to stay healthy and to help others stay healthy. On enrollment, students commit to comply with all aspects of the IFR COVID-19 avoidance policy as well as any/all policies specific to their respective IFR field school.
PRIOR TO TRAVEL

Students must arrange a test for current infection for COVID-19 through a RT-PCR test for themselves in their home location within 24 hours prior to arrival at the destination and upload proof of negative result to their IFR application portal. (Please check information below -Travel information)

After demonstrating they tested negative, students must take all precautions possible to ensure they remain COVID-19 free prior to and during travel to the field school. Students should plan to travel in the safest manner that they are able (e.g., avoid flights with long layovers and multiple connections). In addition, we require the following from all students: use of a face mask during travel to, from, and on airlines, ferries, trains, busses, and the like; regular washing of hands; and, in so far as possible, maintain social distancing of 6 feet / 2 meters in airports and other spaces.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to have a valid passport when traveling to Denmark. US citizens should ensure that their passport is valid for 6 months after their planned trip before traveling to Denmark. Citizens of EU, EEA, USA, Canada, Japan, Republic of Korea, Australia, New Zealand and some countries in Latin America do not need a visa to Denmark for this field school. Citizens of other countries may need a visa, so we recommend consulting the nearest Danish embassy website for specific visa requirements. Where necessary, the BARC can send an official invitation letter that should be used at the relevant embassy to secure a visa to the program.

TRAVEL (TO AND DURING THE PROGRAM)

We suggest you hold off purchasing your airline ticket until six (6) weeks prior to the departure date. Natural disasters, political changes, weather conditions and various other factors may force the cancelation of a field school. The IFR monitors local conditions 6-7 weeks prior to the beginning of each program and makes a decision accordingly. This approach allows sufficient time to still purchase deeply discounted airline tickets.

The island of Bornholm is located to the east of mainland Denmark. Students coming from the United States or other countries (except Sweden) should book airfare to Copenhagen, Denmark. From Copenhagen, travelers can take one of two routes to reach Bornholm (see below): 1) take a train from Copenhagen to Ystad, Sweden, and then catch a ferry from Ystad to the city of Rønne (on Bornholm); or 2) fly from Copenhagen to Bornholm Airport.

Students are expected to arrive by ferry at the port in Rønne or by plane at the Bornholm Airport on or before August 1, 2021. Students will be met at the airport or the ferry dock by the project directors or staff and taken to the guest house in Åkirkeby.

If you missed your connection or your flight (or ferry) is delayed, please call, text or email the project directors or staff immediately. A local emergency cell phone number will be provided to all enrolled students.

1. Traveling from Copenhagen to Bornholm via Ystad in Sweden

Take the Øresund train from Copenhagen to Sweden. At Malmö C, Hyllie or Triangeln you will need to switch to Skånetrafikens Pågatåg (commuter rail), which runs the rest of the road to Ystad, where the ferry is. A ticket is always required for the ferry. The trip by train and ferry and both trains can
be booked together via DSB, link further down this page. Tickets are available from DKK 149,- one-way.

Total travel time from Copenhagen: Approx. 3 hours and 45 minutes.

Advantages of taking the train to Bornholm (https://bornholm.info/en/)
- You can take the bus, train and metro to and from the station in your area of departure (https://bornholm.info/en/)
- An adult can take two children under the age of 12 on the journey for free, but there is a requirement for a seat reservation for all travelers from Friday to Monday
- The ticket can be refunded if you do not need it anyway
- On Bornholm, your ticket is valid for all buses to and from the ferry on departure dates
- The ferry Ystad / Rønne is included in the price (https://www.bornholmslinjen.com)

**Remember to bring and always have at hand your identification (EU driver’s license, ID card or passport) for the border control on the Danish-Swedish border. We recommend that you bring your passport, as there have been episodes in which other forms of identification have not been approved.

2. Traveling from Copenhagen Airport to Bornholm Airport

There are frequent flights between Bornholm Airport and Copenhagen Airport (25 minutes flight). Be sure to check the low-cost flight options. (https://dat.dk)

**IMPORTANT:** Denmark is currently enforcing COVID-related travel protocols. The official websites for the Ministry of Health and Police (see below) are updated daily to reflect current status of quarantine and COVID testing requirements for travelers. Currently, non-residents can enter Denmark for business and education and only with proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 24 hours before entry.

Please see this site for up-to-date information: https://coronasmitte.dk/en

As of January 9, 2021, and extending to least February 28, 2021, the following protocols are being enforced by Denmark:

Persons traveling to Denmark by air, must present a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 24 hours before boarding the plane. Persons who travel to Denmark on a journey with connecting flights in one or more airports must present a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 24 hours before they board the first flight.

Recent administrative adjustments to the flight ban include the following:

Passengers on connected flights to Denmark transiting in one or more airports have two different options:

1. They can take a test no more than 24 hours before boarding the first flight.
2. They can take a test while in transit (i.e., during a layover/between connecting flights).
Even when a test is taken in the first country of departure, the Danish testing requirement only applies to the connecting flight to Denmark. In the transit airport, the airline must make sure that test was taken no more than 24 hours before the passenger boarded the first flight.

However, this possibility applies only if the ticket has been booked as a combined flight ticket.

On arrival, travelers are encouraged to self-isolate for 10 days after arriving in Denmark, regardless of whether the travel is classified as essential or non-essential. However, this period of quarantine can be shortened to five days if travelers produce a negative result for a COVID-19 test taken (at the earliest) on the fourth day after arriving in Denmark. The Danish Health Authority recommends a PCR test for all people traveling from a country or region to which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs advises against non-essential travel (e.g., the United States).

Regulations and requirement are changing regularly as the battle against COVID continues. Updated information about quarantine and testing requirements for visitors to Denmark and Bornholm can be found at the following websites:

https://um.dk/en/
https://coronasmitte.dk/en

For quarantine questions, please contact https://coronasmitte.dk/en

- Places near the airport in Copenhagen or in Rønne. Students are responsible for the costs of lodging during travel-related quarantine periods. Bornholm does not have hotels or houses for quarantine guests.
- If a student is held at the border for health reasons, they should immediately call the program directors and staff. The staff will be available for assistance 24/7.
- Depending on regulations at the time the project starts, students will be taken to get a COVID-19 RT-PCR test on arrival and during their stay at the project. The test is free of cost.
- Students will be picked up at the airport or the ferry port by project staff. It is important for the staff to have all the proper information regarding to students’ flight and/or ferry; this information will be shared in advance of travel. From the airport/ferry, students will be taken to the campsite and then to get a COVID test in the hospital.
- Daily transportation to the excavation from the campsite will be by bus. A small bus with capacity for 24 people has been hired, so the 10 students can be in separate seats and maintain the minimum distance required by health authorities. Face masks will be used at all times when sharing common areas or transportation.
- Hygiene and sanitation will be important in the campsite and the excavation site.

LOCAL PROTOCOLS, REGULATIONS, & EXPECTATIONS

All national regulations concerning COVID apply to everyday life on Bornholm. The local population of the island is aware of the problem and are respectful of the instructions and guidelines offered by the government. Please understand that while visitors are welcome and treated with respect, local residents will try to keep their distance.
Locals will likely be interested in visiting the excavation, but out of an abundance of caution we will post signs and erect small fences that restrict visitor access so that there is no close contact between archaeologists and visitors. This is a departure from our normal practices, as we traditionally seek to integrate archaeologists into the local community. Our interactions with local communities will be mostly limited to purchasing products and services. During these interactions, we will maintain safe distances, wash hands, and always wear face masks.

A guide for procedures and work flow within the excavation area will be provided in advance so that students will know how the area is going to be structured, to maintain distance and to be able to carry out the work in the simplest and most fluid way. The guide will include the site map, the location of work and food areas, hygiene points, rest areas and mobility paths within the site.

FACE MASKS / FACE COVERINGS

All students, faculty and staff are expected to wear face coverings. Face masks, along with social distancing, are among the most effective ways of minimizing the spread of the coronavirus.

The objective of wearing a mask is to capture potentially infectious droplets from the wearer. Therefore:

- Masks or respirators that are equipped with an "exhalation valve" are not permitted, unless covered by another mask.
- Neck fleeces (gaiter masks) are considered the least effective form of face masks, and are not permitted. (The material found in gaiters tend to break down larger droplets into smaller particles that are more easily carried away in the air.)
- Folded bandanas and knitted masks are ineffective and are not permitted.
- Masks must be worn so as to cover both the mouth and nose. If your mask becomes loose, it can be tightened by twisting the ear loops.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The camping site is in the city of Åkirkeby, approximately 15 km from the capital of the island of Bornholm. It has been adapted into comfortable cabins with beds (bathrooms with shower, WC, and heating system) in the guest house, which also provides free Wi-Fi. Participants are expected to bring sleeping bags and personal towels. Students will share a room based on gender and room size. Food is not included within the program due to the high cost involved to hire a cook or catering service. The house is, however, properly furnished with all the cooking appliances and refrigerators, so students can share the tasks of doing the shopping and cooking their own meals at a lower price.

In the city, there are several options of places where food can be bought for affordable prices (approx. 15 to 20 US dollars). Food stores are within a walking distance from the guest house.

Before Arrival

- Please make sure that you are apprised of all current travel-related and other COVID-pertinent protocols enforced by the Danish government.
- Bring with you a certificate of vaccination if you have been vaccinated.
- You must inform the project directors and staff and avoid entering the campsite if you feel any symptoms of COVID-19.
- You must not enter the campsite if you are aware that you within 10 days before arrival have been in close contact with a person who has been tested positive for Covid-19 virus.
Staying at Aakirkeby Campsite

- Accommodation will be of 2 students in 4-person cabins and 3 students in 5-person cabins
  - Cabins contain sleeping spaces but not toilets or bathrooms.
- All cabins (incl. linens) are cleaned before arrival.
  - It is the guests’ responsibility to keep the cabin clean during the stay.
  - Cleaning and sanitizing supplies will be provided by the project.
- Toilets / bathrooms are in a separate building and shared by residents of all cabins.
- Toilets, kitchen and the common room are cleaned every day but should not be assumed to be completely disinfected at all times.
- Stay responsible to yourself and others

COVID-19 Rules

- Maintain a 6-ft/3-m physical distance from all others when not in the cabin. Respect others’ space in common areas.
- Wear a face mask at all times except in your own the cabin, when showering, and while eating.
- Do not enter any cabin other than your own.
- Wash hands regularly and use disinfectant/hand sanitizer before entering your cabin or common spaces.
- Do not congregate in groups of more than 5 people in common areas.

These guidelines may be updated before and/or during your stay, if necessary – or, potentially, requested by the authorities.

MANAGING COVID-19 CASES & OUTBREAKS

If you are already on Bornholm and suspect that you are infected, the project staff will seek the medical advice of a local doctor.

If you are on Bornholm and if you suspect you have been in contact with an infected person, or if you suspect that you are infected with COVID-19, you should immediately notify the program directors and staff. Even if you are presenting with only mild symptoms of COVID-19, you still need to inform the directors and staff so they can get in contact with a doctor and purse proper contact tracing and quarantine protocols.

In the event that a project participant presents COVID-19 symptoms, the following protocols will be pursued:

- Field school directors and/or staff will inform IFR and your relatives immediately.
- Infected or potentially infected participants will remain in their assigned cabins. Roommates who are not presenting symptoms will be moved to another cabin.
  - Infected participants will be isolated until they present two consecutive negative COVID-19 PCR tests (according to the Danish guidelines).
  - Field school directors and/or staff will see that quarantined participants are taken by ambulance to the nearest COVID-19 test center.
  - Alternative toilet and bathing facilities will be made available to quarantined participants.
- Roommates who do not exhibit symptoms will remain isolated in a different cabin for 5 days or two consecutive negative COVID-19 PCR tests (according to the Danish guidelines).
• None of the persons in isolation may enter the common toilet/bathing facilities, the kitchen, common room, etc. For the safety of all project participants and the surrounding community, it is vitally important we follow rigorous quarantine protocols.
• All persons in quarantine must remain in their cabin except when using their specially designated toilet/shower.
• Project directors and/or staff will bring food and beverages to the porch of the two isolated cabins (the doors should be closed at the time of delivery).

While on Bornholm, you can get tested for COVID-19 (virus or antibodies). The test center is located at Ullasvej 39C, 3700 Rønne – opposite to Bornholms Hospital (see map here). Staff from the project will assist to make an appointment. The test itself is free of charge. Read more under coronaprover.dk. There is also a mobile test center on Bornholm, which stops at different locations.

The private ambulance corps Falck operates a quick test center in Rønne. The address is Aakirkebyvej 136, 3700 Rønne. Find more information and the opening hours of this test center here (in Danish). Bornholm's Regional Municipality, the island's general practitioners and Bornholms Hospital collaborate and coordinate the handling of any cases of new Coronavirus (Covid-19) on Bornholm. Find more information https://www.bornholmshospital.dk

Project staff will monitor government-issued regulations daily and inform all project participants of changes. We are maximally invested in following all national, local, and IFR protocols in the interest of keeping all project participants and members of the local community safe.

**EQUIPMENT LIST**

Participants will use the tools and equipment provided by the project and available at the site. Students are not expected to bring any additional working equipment, but personal tools and gloves are recommended. The following items are required (*) and recommended:

- Good walking/work boots*
- Sunscreen and hat*
- Raincoat/rain gear*
- Nalgene bottle
- Any required medication for the duration of the field school (controlled medication should have a medical prescription) *.
- Passport*
- Student card
- Archaeological-standard trowel (Marshalltown Pointing Trowel—5” by 2” or WHS trowel)
- Leaf trowel for finer work
- Dental picks and wooden picks
- Plumb bob
- Paintbrushes in a range of sizes for excavation and cleaning purposes
- A set of digital calipers (preferably carbon fiber to avoid damage to bone)
- Notebook, pencil, pen, and eraser.
- Laptop or tablet

**The project will provide gloves, disposable masks and hygiene material, but it is important to consider bringing any personal protective equipment that should consider necessary.**
COURSE SCHEDULE

The Field School schedule consists of Four Units:

Unit One—Theoretical module consisting of three components:
- Lectures and instructions about the field methods and practices;
- Lectures about different aspects of the archaeology of Denmark, Bornholm, and the settlement context;
- Lectures about the history and archaeology of the Baltic region.

Unit Two—Practicum consisting of two components:
- Fieldwork including basic practices of excavation and archaeological records;
- Workshops dedicated to primary archaeological finds processing and documentation.

Unit Three—Visit to sites accompanied by lectures, presentations and behind-the-scene visit to sites of historical/archaeological significance, such as the Neolithic site of Ringeborg, the Iron Age site of Madsebakke, and the medieval Castle of Hammerhus. **(Due to the current conditions is very likely that visits will be canceled.)**

Unit Four—Assignments will be allotted to all students, which will consist of editing and processing students’ field documentation (field journal, context sheets, drawings, photos, and so on.), and preparing presentations and reports.

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<td>4.00 pm—pick-up from Rønne airport or ferry. Arrival at the guest house. Welcome meeting.</td>
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| Day 1     | Orientation at Vasagård archaeological site.  
Instructions for housing and field work: hygiene, health, and safety at the site. Basic field methods and practices for excavation and documentation. Use of tools and working techniques. | Visit to: Bornholm Museum  
**Lecture during the visit to the BM: Neolithic in Denmark and Bornholm.**  
**Reading from: Jensen, Jørgen Hvass, Steen and Birger Storgaard (eds.)**  
**Lecture: Archaeological Project (VAP) Archaeological Project.**  
(At Bornholm Museum) |
| Day 2     | Activity: Introduction to the Field Journal; Contextual Sheets, Log Book, and Other Forms.  
(At Vasagård and laboratory) | **Lecture on Basic Methods for Uncovering, “First Aid”, Consolidation in Situ, Cleaning, Sorting, Labelling, Documenting and Storing Lithic and Ceramic Artefacts in the VAP.**  
(At Vasagård and laboratory) |
| Day 3     | Activity: Excavation—Site recognition, Three-Dimensional Positioning of Finds, Features and Structures. | **Lecture: Stratigraphy of Vasagård**  
**Reading from: Dafydd Davies.** |
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| 4    | **Activity:** How to use a Total Station.  
     (At Vasagård and laboratory) | **Lecture:** *Danish Pottery and chronology in Denmark during the Neolithic.*  
     (At Vasagård) |
| 5    | **Activity:** Excavation and sampling in archaeology.  
     (At Vasagård) | **Lecture:** *Danish Lithic industry in Denmark during the Neolithic.*  
     (At Vasagård) |
| 6    | **Day off**                                                               | **Day off**                                                                               |
| 7    | **Day off**                                                               | **Day off**                                                                               |
| 8    | **Activity:** Excavation.  
     (At Vasagård) | **Workshop:** *Finds Processing*  
     (Morning session at Vasagård) |
| 9    | **Activity:** Excavation. Post-excavation work and analyses.  
     Instruction: Principles of field Photogrammetry.  
     (At Vasagård) | Cleaning, sorting ceramic and lithic artefacts*.  
     (Morning session at Vasagård) |
| 10   | **Activity:** Excavation  
     (At Vasagård) | **Laboratory**: cleaning, sorting, and/or photography of ceramic and lithic artefacts.  
     Recording information: database, journal. |
| 11   | **Activity:** Excavation  
     (At Vasagård) | **Laboratory**: cleaning, sorting, and/or photography of ceramic and lithic artefacts.  
     Recording information: database, journal. |
| 12   | **Activity:** Excavation  
     (At Vasagård) | **Review Field Journal**  
     (At Bornholm Museum) |
| 13   | **Visit to Madsebakke /Hammerholm – Hammerhus**  
     (May be canceled) | Recording information: database, journal*.
| 14   | **Day off**                                                               | **Day off**                                                                               |
| 15   | **Activity:** Excavation  
     *Practical exam*  
     (At Vasagård) | **Laboratory**: cleaning, sorting, and/or photography of ceramic and lithic artefacts.  
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<td>Day 27</td>
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<td>Presentation of the Excavation’s results. Evaluation meeting &amp; submit of the journal. Dinner and farewell party.</td>
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<td>Departure: take students to Rønne airport or ferry for departure.</td>
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**Course structure may be subject to changes contingent upon directors’ discretion.**

* Evening activities in the laboratory and processing data will depend on the amount of the activities carried out daily.

** If weather conditions do not allow work at the excavation sites, it will be substituted by laboratory activities.

**Regular Working Day**

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<td>7:30 am</td>
<td>Transportation to the site</td>
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<td>8:00 am – 3:00 pm</td>
<td>Fieldwork, including a 15-minute break and a 30-minute break for lunch, and some lectures on field archaeology methods and practices (at the site)</td>
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<td>Lectures/Workshops/ Finds processing/ Journal Night snack</td>
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MANDATORY READINGS


RECOMMENDED READINGS


Hvass, Steen and Birger Storgaard (eds.). 1993. Digging into the past. 25 years of Archaeology in Denmark. The Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries and The Jutland Archaeological Society. Chapters 1, 2 and 3 (Pp. 16-126).