



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences
School of Cultural Sciences

1AE025 Arkeologiska utgrävningar på Skriðuklaustur medeltida klosterruiner, 15 högskolepoäng

Archaeological excavations of the Medieval monastery at Skriðuklaustur, Iceland, 15 credits

Main field of study

Archaeology

Subject Group

Archaeology

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

Approved by the Board of the School of Cultural Sciences 2010-05-27

The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2011

Prerequisites

Archaeology 30 higher education credits or the equivalent.

Expected learning outcomes

When the course is completed the student will be able to

- describe the various working routines practised in an archaeological field project with Skriðuklaustur as an example
- critically account for how, in the example Skriðuklaustur, historical questions can be answered through the use of archaeological methods
- orally present the interrelation between historical texts and archaeological material.

Content

The course involves taking part in an archaeological field project investigating the ruins of the medieval monastery of Skriðuklaustur, located in the east of Iceland. The project consists of excavating the ruins and associated analyses of animal bones, human skeletons, insects, pollen, seeds and artefacts. The course also contains laboratory work.

All teaching is obligatory unless otherwise agreed with the teacher.

Type of Instruction

Tuition consists of practical work in the field and in the laboratory as well as lectures

and seminars. The course ends with a concluding seminar, in which the students present their results.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

To pass the course the student has to fulfil the expected learning outcomes. Examination is conducted by oral presentation in seminars and through submission of a written diary. Participating actively in the field work and seminars is also part of the examination.

Re-sits are offered within six weeks. The number of re-sits is limited to four.

Course Evaluation

When the course has finished, an evaluation is compiled. The results are reported to the students and then archived according to the rules of the school.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Gilchrist, Roberta & Sloane, Barney (2005). *Requiem. The Medieval Monastic Cemetery in Britain*. London: Museum of London Archaeological Service. Kap. 8 och 9, 28 s.

Jonsson, Kristina (2009). *Practices for the Living and the Dead. Medieval and Post-Reformation Burials in Scandinavia*. Stockholms Studies in Archaeology 50. Stockholm: Stockholms Universitet. Kap. 2 och 7, 46 s.

Konráðsdóttir, Hrönn (2008). *An Archaeoentomological Research of Skriðuklaustur Samples I*. Skýrslur Skriðuklaustursrannsókna XX. [Report]. Reykjavík: Skriðuklaustursrannsóknir. Finns att hämta på: www3.hi.is/~sjk/SKO_2008.pdf, 11 s.

Konráðsdóttir, Hrönn (2009). *Archaeoentomological analysis of samples from the 2008 season of Skriðuklaustur excavation*. Skýrslur Skriðuklaustursrannsókna XXI. [Report]. Reykjavík: Skriðuklaustursrannsóknir. Finns att hämta på: www3.hi.is/~sjk/SKO_2009.pdf, 13 s.

Kristjánsdóttir, Steinunn (2008). Skriðuklaustur monastery. Medical Centre of Medieval East Iceland? *Acta Archaeologica* vol. 79, 208-215. Finns att hämta på: www3.hi.is/~sjk/ACT_2008.pdf, 8 s.

Kristjánsdóttir, Steinunn (2010) The Tip of the Iceberg: The Material of Skriðuklaustur Monastery and Hospital. *Norwegian Archaeological Review*, Volume 43 (1), 44 – 62.

Kristjánsdóttir, S. & Collins, C. (2010). Cases of Hydatid Disease in Medieval Iceland. *International Journal of Osteoarchaeology*. DOI: 10.1002/oa.1155. 8 s.

Pacciani, Elsa (2006). *Anthropological description of skeletons from graves no. 4, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67 and 68 at Skriðuklaustur Monastery*. Skýrslur Skriðuklaustursrannsókna XIV. [Report]. Reykjavík: Skriðuklaustursrannsóknir. Finns att hämta på: www3.hi.is/~sjk/EPHUM_2006.pdf, 16 s.

Pálsdóttir, Albína H. (2006). *Archaeofauna from Skriðuklaustur, East Iceland*. [Report]. Reykjavík: NABO och Skriðuklaustursrannsóknir. Finns att hämta på: www3.hi.is/~sjk/AHP_2006.pdf, 28 s.