Archaeologies of the Classical World
CLAS 2335, Section 001
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**Course Description:** Drawing on material pasts from across the Mediterranean world in classical antiquity, this course addresses the role of archaeology in answering questions that are fundamental to the human condition. How can archaeology help us to (re)construct past cultures and societies? Why do we require a Greco-Roman past? In what ways has the classical past been appropriated and incorporated into fabric of contemporary culture and society? Over the course of the semester we will explore these questions through the material remains of the classical past from the monumental to the mundane. We will examine cities and sanctuaries, fine art and architecture, everyday objects, landscapes, and seascapes to better understand relationships between ancient people and the word around them. Further, we will learn about the history and methods of classical archaeology from antiquarianism to current scientific approaches to excavation, survey, and materials analysis. In doing so, students will critically engage with the material record of the classical world and understand the evolution of classical archaeology as a discipline. Ultimately, they will better understand how the classical past has impacted our contemporary world.

**TTU Catalog Description:** This course is an introduction to the materials, methods, practices, and theories of those archaeologies related to the Classical World. It addresses questions of how archaeology helps to (re)construct Greco-Roman societies and why the Classical World matters today.