

Course title:	Field walking survey – master's studies
Organizational unit:	Faculty of Archaeology
Short description:	The aim of field walking survey conducted as part of master's degree studies is to provide practical mastery of field prospection methods and techniques. These include site location, preliminary site measurements, identification of archaeological material found on the surface, site documentation, and other essential fieldwork procedures.
Mode:	Field classes
Full description:	<p>Field walking survey in the master's program consist of two components. The first is the theoretical component, where students familiarize themselves with the legal aspects of organizing field walking surveys. They learn about the process of preparing applications for heritage protection institutions and integrating field walking surveys into their own research. This includes formulating specific research hypotheses that can be tested through surface survey results.</p> <p>The second is the practical component, where students, already familiar with the basics of archaeological documentation, develop hands-on proficiency in field prospection methods and techniques. This includes site location, reconstructing site boundaries and possible spatial organization, conducting basic measurements, and documenting archaeological material. They also refine their ability to identify artifacts in terms of cultural and chronological context.</p> <p>As part of specific research projects, students may be entrusted with independently conducting field walking surveys in designated areas. Depending on the location of the exercises, both theoretical and practical components may be slightly adjusted to achieve the intended learning outcomes.</p>
Learning outcomes:	<p>K_W05; K_W06; K_W09; K_W20 K_U03; K_U06; K_U07; K_U14; K_U15; K_U16; K_U17; K_U19; K_K01; K_K03; K_K05; K_K07; K_K08; K_K14; K_K15</p> <p>A master's student participating in field walking survey exercises revisits and reinforces knowledge related to scientific and technical fieldwork, with particular emphasis on the methodology of Archeologiczne Zdjęcie Polski program. They apply structured, in-depth knowledge of methods and techniques for documenting archaeological sources, based on a detailed, specialized understanding of selected historical periods. This includes familiarity with relevant terminology, theories, and methodologies in archaeology. Additionally, the student is well-versed in the safety and hygiene regulations applicable during field prospection.</p> <p>A master's student participating in field walking survey is capable of creatively utilizing existing methods and techniques, adapting them to the specific needs of field research. They can lead a team, plan, and organize archaeological fieldwork, independently initiating and undertaking research tasks related to field walking surveys. The student effectively collaborates within a team and engages with specialists in interdisciplinary research groups. They are able to correctly set priorities to achieve their own or assigned research objectives. They independently analyze and interpret various types of artifacts and ecofacts to identify complex relationships between them and past cultural processes, determining their significance and impact within socio-cultural contexts. Additionally, they apply workplace safety and hygiene principles in archaeological practice and ensure compliance within team-based research activities.</p>

	<p>A master's student, upon completing field walking survey, is prepared to apply their knowledge and skills while recognizing the necessity of engaging with expert opinions. They are equipped to assess the significance and value of various archaeological finds and their role in reconstructing human history.</p> <p>The student is ready to promote awareness of the responsibility for preserving cultural heritage and to initiate collaboration with society in the context of archaeological research. They understand the complex nature of culture and the need to analyze diverse categories of sources to reconstruct the past.</p> <p>Additionally, the student is prepared to fulfill professional roles responsibly, contributing to the advancement of archaeology and upholding the ethical standards of the profession. They are also committed to adhering to occupational safety and hygiene regulations in their work.</p>
ECTS credit allocation	1 ECTS
Assessment methods and assessment criteria:	Grading