

ILAFS Course Programme

Day/time	Venue/activity
Day 1	Rural village location
09.00-09.05	Arrival and registration at ILAFS base in village location.
09.05-09.15	Introduction to ILAFS – outline of course structure and learner aims.
09.15-10.00	Test pit digging - Instructions on procedures for site preparation and excavation followed by health and safety briefing and backfilling the test pit
10.00-10.15	Break
10.15-10.30	Relocate to test pit sites.
10.30	Begin test pit project - laying out, surveying in and de-turfing test pit. Continue when ready to removing spoil in 10cm layers, sieving for finds, washing and recording finds and recording details of excavated layers, as detailed in ILAFS handbook.
c.12.30	Lunch on test pit site (timing flexible).
c.13.00 - c.15.30	Continue test pit excavation and recording prepare to finish for the day. Stow equipment on site.
15.45	Return to base with finds and record booklet in clear box
16.00	Day finishes
Day 2	Rural village location
09.00	Arrival and registration at ILAFS base in village location.
09.05	Relocate to test pit sites.
09.15-c.12.30	Continue test pit excavation and recording.
c.12.30	Lunch on test pit site (timing flexible).
c.13.00-14.45	Continue test pit excavation and recording
14.45-15.45	Ensure test pit has been signed off as completed by ACA staff. Carry out excavation completion procedures. Backfill test pit, replace turf, tidy site and clean equipment.
15.45-16.00	Return to base with all equipment, finds and record booklet and check these in with ACA staff
16.00	Day finishes
Day 3	University of Cambridge
11.45-11.00	Arrival and registration
11.00-12.00	Lecture and discussion: ILAFS research aims and report writing skills
12.00-12.10	Toilet break
12.10-12.35	Writing your report
12.35-14.00	Divide into small groups for tour and lunch in one of the colleges of the University of Cambridge.
14.00-15.00	Session in the museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
15.00-15.50	Toilet break and University admissions talk
15.50-16.00	Feedback and end of day
After Day 3	School/home
Within one week of ILAFS	Optional half day writing up session in school.
In own time	Individual reports to be completed and submitted to ACA team within four weeks for evaluation and comments. Comments to be fed back to students by ACA team.