The Near Eastern and Biblical Archaeology Laboratory (NEBAL) was established in 2010 by St. Paul’s College at the University of Manitoba (U of M). The goal is to have a single integrated location for the study of the ancient cultures in the Near East and eastern Mediterranean. It provides a focus for seminars and lectures related to Near Eastern and Biblical Studies at the U of M. All related archaeological remains scattered throughout the university are being gathered in this location for analysis and curation.

Travel-study courses
Offered each summer, travel-study courses include the U of M’s Field School in Israeli and Biblical Archaeology (ANTH 2930/3950) which is held at Tell es-Safi/Gath, Israel.

Identified as Canaanite and Philistine Gath (home of biblical Goliath) and Medieval “Blanche Garde,” Tell es-Safi is one of the largest pre-classical sites in Levant, settled continuously from late Prehistoric through Modern times. Since 1996, excavations at the site (directed by Professor Aren M. Maeir) have revealed fascinating and groundbreaking finds, including the earliest known siege system in the world, the earliest deciphered Philistine inscription, and extremely rich and well-preserved evidence of various cultures, peoples and historical events, spanning some six millennia of occupation.

Directed by Professor Haskel Greenfield, the U of M team is excavating the earliest levels of the site, when it first became a city during the Early Bronze Age (c. 5000 years). It was one of the largest and most important cities in ancient Canaan. Come join us on this exciting adventure!

Community outreach & volunteer opportunities
Each year, NEBAL staff and students give public and professional lectures. Visitors are welcome to tour the facility, and assist in the lab during the academic year, as well as on summer excavations in Israel at Tell es-Safi/Gath. Undergraduates also volunteer in the lab annually.

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The following is a list of courses offered by the U of M that are relevant for the study of the Near East and eastern Mediterranean.

**ANTHROPOLOGY**
- ANTH 1210 Human Origins and Antiquity
- ANTH 2060 European Archaeology
- ANTH 2100 Introduction to Archaeology
- ANTH 2600 Old World Prehistory
- ANTH 2610 Old World Civilizations
- ANTH 2820 Human Osteology
- ANTH 2930 Archaeology of a Selected Area
- ANTH 3910 Archaeological Field Training
- ANTH 3950 Artifact Analysis
- ANTH 3950 Botanical Analysis in Archaeology
- ANTH 3990 Faunal Analysis in Archaeology
- ANTH 4760 Practicum in Archaeology
- T60 & 61 Summer Travel-Study Course: Introduction to the Archaeology of Canaan and Israel

**CLASSICS**
- CLAS 2670 Greek Art and Archaeology
- CLAS 2680 Roman Art and Archaeology
- CLAS 3260 Hellenistic Civilization: History and Archaeology
- CLAS 3650 Religion in Ancient Greece
- CLAS 3660 Religion in Ancient Rome

**HISTORY**
- HIST 1350 An Introduction to the History of Western Civilization to 1500