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- MA in Near Eastern Archaeology
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- Center for Near Eastern Archaeology
- New campus museum in planning stages
- Archaeology collections of 20,000 artifacts