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Object-based learning has been an essential part of teaching from the point when the Institute of Archaeology opened its doors in 1937. Currently with more than 80,000 objects in the collections, archaeological materials continue to form an invaluable and rich resource for use in teaching, research, public engagement, external loans and display. The collections contain objects from around the world, including lithics from Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania, Attic Black and Red figure ware vessels, mud bricks from Jericho and necklaces from Mesopotamia, to mention but a few. The archive images shown here demonstrate teaching with objects from the 1950s through to the 1970s when the Institute was divided into a series of departments.



Figure 1 Richard Reece teaching students in the Department of Archaeology of the Roman Provinces (Source: © UCL Institute of Archaeology)



Figure 2 Peter Parr teaching in the Department of Western Asiatic Archaeology (Source: © UCL Institute of Archaeology)



Figure 3 Ian Cornwall working with students in the Department of Human Environment (Source: © UCL Institute of Archaeology)



Figure 4 Students learning conservation in the Department of Conservation (Source: © UCL Institute of Archaeology)