

Mohegan Archaeological Field School 2015

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Module Description

The University of Leicester and the federally recognized Mohegan Tribe are working together to study archaeological sites on the Mohegan Reservation in Uncasville, Connecticut (established in 1671). As part of the process of investigating present and former tribal lands, the Mohegan Archaeological Field School engages in archaeological research at pre-European sites as well as early historic sites and reservation-era sites. The Mohegan Field School, now in its 20th year, works under the direct supervision of Dr Craig Cipolla (University of Leicester) and staff members of the Mohegan Archaeology Department as authorized by the Mohegan Council of Elders.

During the course, students will learn the basics of archaeological fieldwork, from survey and testing to more intensive excavation methods and interpretation. Most of the course is comprised of archaeological fieldwork at Mohegan sites, or land that is of historic importance to the tribe.

Transfer credit is available for American colleges and universities.

About the Field School

The relationship between Native Americans and archaeologists has traditionally been fraught with tension and conflicting goals. The mission of this archaeological field school is to begin to rectify this discord. We practice a form of applied archaeology and community based research sometimes called covenantal archaeology, pursuing and serving the research goals and objectives of the Mohegan Tribe while maintaining academic rigour.

Our students, including Mohegans and members of other tribes, help demonstrate how archaeology can contribute to contemporary Native communities and encourage trust, responsibility, healing, education, confidence, and pride.

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