
Plymouth Colony Archaeological Fieldschool

May 26–June 26, 2020 • Plymouth, Massachusetts

This summer's fieldwork focuses on shallow geophysical remote sensing and excavation in downtown Plymouth to recover additional remains of the 17th-century settlement. Through daily archaeological fieldwork and laboratory analysis students will learn the process of field recording, mapping, excavation, sample collection, and basic artifact analysis in historical archaeology. The course includes an emphasis on learning how geophysical remote sensing techniques and data are applied to site analysis, excavation, and interpretation. This year is the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Plymouth Colony, so the project will have a strong focus on public interpretation and outreach.

Professors David Landon and Christa Beranek will direct the project, with participation of Professors John Steinberg and Brian Damiata of UMass Boston, and Jade Luiz of Plimoth Plantation. During the class we will be working out of Plimoth Plantation's facilities, running a field lab in the museum, and collaborating on site interpretation and public outreach with the museum staff.

UMass Boston ANTH 485/685, Field Research in Archaeology

This is a 6-credit course. Undergraduate (485) fee: \$2460. Graduate (685) fee: \$3450. The program fee includes instruction, field activities, food, and visits to museums and projects. This class is physically demanding and requires working outside all day, Monday through Friday. We will generally work an early schedule, starting at 7:30 or 8 in the morning (to be determined) and ending at 3:30 or 4 pm. We will work in all weather, so please be prepared with rain gear, a hat, sunscreen, and clothing for different conditions. All required tools and field supplies are provided. Closed toe shoes are required (no sandals). If you have other questions about tools or gear please ask!

Travel and logistics

Students are responsible for their own transportation to Plymouth. Local students are welcome to commute to the project, and for people traveling locally we will try to arrange carpools to the site. Students can also choose to stay in the Hornblower House on the grounds of the Plimoth Plantation museum. Hornblower House sleeps twelve and will serve as our "base camp" at the museum. The project will supply food for the house kitchen and other supplies as needed. We will carpool from the museum to the site each day for students who are staying at Plimoth Plantation.

To apply

Complete the application on the following page and send it to Dr. Landon at UMass Boston. This is an Adobe PDF form, so you can fill it in using **Adobe Reader** and email it back, or print it and mail it back. Review of applications will begin as they are received.

Send printed application form to:

Dr. David Landon
UMass Boston Anthropology
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Boston, MA 02125

For additional information or to email form:

Prof. David Landon
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Course website: http://www.umb.edu/academics/caps/summer_programs/field_study/archaeological_plymouth

Project website: <http://www.fiskecenter.umb.edu/Projects/Project%20400.html>

Center blog on Plymouth work: <http://blogs.umb.edu/fiskecenter/category/plymouth/>

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Student Information

Name: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Educational Information

Current School attended: _____

Major: _____ Current GPA: _____

First year Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate student

Emergency Information

Contact name: _____

Home phone #: _____

Cell phone #: _____

Email: _____

Do you have any allergies, medical conditions, or take any medications that we should know about? yes no. If yes, please explain in space below:

Plans for attendance (check all that apply)

Commuting/carpooling Staying at museum in Hornblower House

Statement of Interest

Briefly describe the reasons you are interested in this project in the space below: