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**San Miguel de Piura,
the first Spanish
foundation in Perú**



Presentation

The Universidad de Piura, one of the leading research institutions in the Peruvian North Coast, announces the first season of the archaeological field school "San Miguel de Piura, first Spanish foundation in Peru (1534 d.C.)". Fieldwork will take place at the archaeological site of San Miguel de Piura, located in the Morropon province, La Matanza district, in the northern city of Piura. Our field school has a strong research background since it derives from the ongoing research project that the Universidad de Piura, the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid and the Municipalidad Distrital de La Matanza have been conducting in San Miguel de Piura since 1999, under the authorization of the Ministry of Culture.

San Miguel de Piura

San Miguel de Piura, also known as Piura la Vieja, was the first colonial town founded by the Spanish conquerors in the South Pacific area. It is one of the few early colonial cities that stills preserve its 16th century layout, which makes it an invaluable source of information for the archaeologists and historians. The city was composed by a main square surrounded by a hospital, a church, a Mercedarian monastery and its church, and the houses of authorities and conquerors (Encomenderos). It also was the main northern entrance to Peru and as such it hosted several important personalities, like the first viceroy of Peru, Blasco Núñez Vela. Although San Miguel is mainly known for its colonial occupation, it also has a long prehispanic history which is evidenced by the presence of important inca and preinca buildings (around 1000 d.C.)

Archaeological Field School "San Miguel de Piura, first Spanish foundation in Perú"

This academic program offers personalized training in archaeological fieldwork in historical contexts and introduces students with the most important methods and concepts of archaeological fieldwork and laboratory analysis. Specifically, training will include survey, excavation, architectural and laboratory analysis. In this way, students will be able to understand the processes behind the settlement planning of San Miguel and the history of its occupants. Likewise, students will have hands on experience in preservation and analysis of amazingly

well-preserved botanical remains, ceramics, textiles, lithics, animal and human bones, among others. Additionally, workshops on a variety of subjects will be carried out each weekend to complement the training, which will include visits to the most representative touristic sites and traditional communities in Piura. Our program offers academic credits (*), depending on each student's request, which can be submitted to the student's home institution.



San Miguel de Piura - Morropon



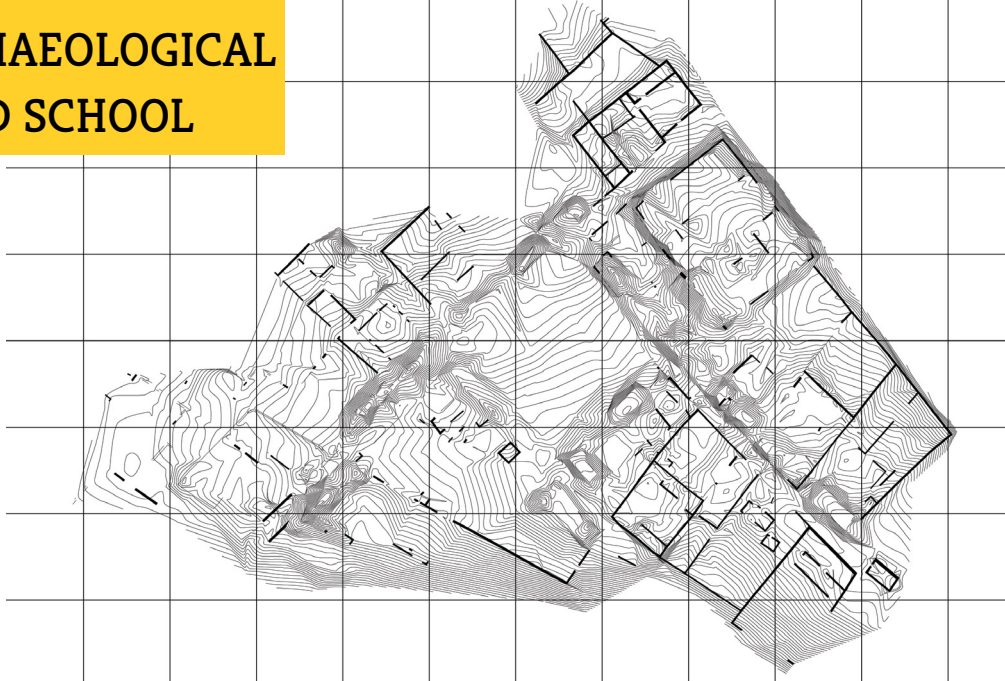
2018 SESSIONS: JUNE 1 TO JULY 1, JULY 2 TO AUGUST 1

Room and Board

The region's capital, the city of Piura, is only an hour and a half away from the site of San Miguel. In Piura students will find hotels, supermarkets, pharmacies, banks and plenty touristic sites to visit during the weekends.

Students will spend the nights in a family hosted lodge, located 15 minutes away from the archaeological site. All costs include lodging facilities, food, pick up and drop off at Piura's airport and working material.

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Dates: First group: June 2018 (4 weeks).
Second group: July 2018 (4 weeks).

Cost per session*: \$ 2,660

Cost per session with academic credits*: \$ 3,420

The cost includes: Accommodation, food, transportation to the archaeological site, Historical archeology course, as well as weekend fieldtrips. Airfare not included.

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