



Illinois

Noble-Wieting Excavation

Explore how Indigenous communities navigated a time of migration, climate stress, and social change at the 13th–15th century Noble-Wieting site in Illinois. Here, the Langford and Mississippian cultural groups forged a unique shared community during a time of uncertainty, and you'll be part of the excavation team uncovering new insights about daily life at this remarkable settlement. Working closely with Tribal Nations and guided by professional archaeologists, you'll develop core archaeology field skills while contributing to a collaborative project rooted in respect for descendant communities.

Why you'll love this program



Real-World Research

Investigate why and how Noble-Wieting was constructed and its impact on the wider Midwest.



Field & Lab Skills

Build experience in excavation, mapping, survey, artifact analysis, and more.



Unforgettable Location

Visit regional heritage sites and enjoy the vibrant cultural scene of Urbana-Champaign in your free time.



Make a Difference

Play a role in shaping the site's future. Project findings help strengthen the case for its preservation.

Field School Details

Summer Program in Illinois

- 5-week immersive research program
- Earn academic credit through Connecticut College
- Fieldwork, seminars & lab-based research
- Cultural enrichment activities and field trips included
- Housing in shared house + grocery funds provided



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Institute for Field Research

Make an IFR Field School Your Next Adventure

Our programs take you straight into the field, where archaeological sites and dynamic ecosystems become your classroom. Don't just study abroad—participate in important research, develop real skills, and make a lasting impact. With IFR, you're not only seeing the world—you're uncovering it.

Admissions at a Glance

- One-on-one guidance available
- Competitive tuition rates
- Simple online application
- Quick decision turnaround
- Rolling enrollment deadlines
- All majors & academic backgrounds welcome



The World is Our Classroom

Immersive field training programs in the U.S. and around the globe ranging from 2-6 weeks in length.



Field Research that Matters

Unique programs in archaeology, environmental science, paleontology and more.



Career-Ready Skills

Transformative field experiences that develop life and professional skills you can learn no place else.

