



Brooks County Survey

Examine the archaeology of migration through a hands-on field school in the borderlands of South Texas. This program focuses on documenting and analyzing the objects left behind by migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border and traveling through Texas' remote ranchlands. You'll build practical archaeological and ethnographic field skills while learning how archaeology can reveal the human stories embedded in one of the most complex social and historical landscapes in the United States.

Why you'll love this program



Real-World Research

Examine the sensitive and complex human experiences connected to clandestine migration.



Field & Lab Skills

Build experience in survey, documentation, GIS mapping, and ethnographic interviewing.



Unforgettable Location

Soak up the spirit of South Texas—visit local heritage sites, watch a rodeo, or even learn to country dance.



Make a Difference

Collaborate closely with community members and support a local nonprofit organization.

Field School Details

Summer Program in Texas

- 2-week immersive research program
- Earn academic credit through Connecticut College
- Fieldwork, seminars & lab-based research
- Cultural enrichment activities and field trips included
- Shared housing & grocery funds provided



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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.



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