



WHY TAKE – ANTH 421 FIELD RESEARCH IN ARCHAEOLOGY?

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- **Course Description and Objectives:**

- This course is a summer field program that introduces students to methods that archaeologists use to identify, excavate, record, and interpret archaeological sites. The emphasis is on providing students first-hand experience with methods of archaeological analysis in the field and preliminary artifact processing techniques through participation in ongoing field research. The overall objective of the course is for students to develop proficiency in the basic methods and skills of excavation, as well as field and lab procedures for processing materials recovered during excavation.

- **Course Costs:**

- Tuition: \$1897.20 (\$316.20/credit X 6 credits)
- Program Fee: \$250

- **Housing (optional but strongly recommended)**

- Pine Lake Housing choices:
 - Lodge double \$350 Lodge single \$500 Cabin single \$650

- **Application: <https://forms.gle/QeHLg1YZG5jXLTQ9>**

For many scientific disciplines, including archaeology, research and/or employment requires time to be spent in the field, collecting data. For students majoring in disciplines where research or employment often includes a field component (Anthropology, Geography, Earth Sciences/Geology, Environmental Sciences, Biology, etc.) gaining experience and developing practical field skills is a vital component of your education.

Completing a field school positions you for a variety of more advanced educational opportunities (research or teaching assistantships, internships, independent studies, internships), and gives you an edge over others when there is a competitive application process for those opportunities.

Many entry level jobs in a variety of field-based disciplines require prior field work experience, often specifically a field school, as they provide more expansive, in-depth, and rigorous training than more informal field opportunities. Finally, field schools are great personal experiences – you learn about yourself and what you are capable of, develop enduring friendships, and in archaeology you also develop a more intimate understanding of past peoples and lifeways, as well as the fulfillment of actually touching and examining artifacts that were last in human hands hundreds to thousands of years ago (depending on the project you join).

Benefits of a Field School

- **Determine if you like and can handle doing field work (for any discipline).**
 - *ALL field work requires being outdoors all day, physical stamina, and an ability to make detailed observations about the physical world around you. You may think you can do this “no sweat” – but doing it is the true test.*
- **IF you are even remotely considering a career in archaeology, historic preservation, or in a museum – an archaeological field school is a MUST DO.**
 - *You need to figure out if the reality of work in these professions truly is something that you might want to do. The classroom cannot answer this for you, exposure to the practical side can.*
- **Develop and hone interpersonal collaborative skills and ability to work as a team.**
 - *Demonstrated collaborative and team work ability is highly sought after in many positions – and archaeological work requires that you be able to effectively work as part of a team.*
- **Develop practical skills relevant for many disciplines and jobs that cannot be learned in the classroom**
 - *Field skills: Observation and detailed recording, measuring, plotting, drawing, mapping, photography, note taking.*
- **Gain first-hand exposure to the general research process**
 - *Questions guiding research, choosing tactics and methods to generate relevant data for those questions, data collection methods and procedures, data processing, analysis and interpretation.*
- **Open the door to**
 - **More advanced academic opportunities** – for example: *Research assistantships, Independent studies, Internships.*
 - **Employment in field-based or material collections-based professions** – for example: *archaeological cultural resource management, environmental sciences and impact assessment.*
- **Earn credits toward your college degree!**
 - *You all need 120 or so credits to graduate – earn 6 of them in 4.5 weeks!*
 - **Anthropology majors and minors:** *Fulfill 6 credits in an upper level course.*
 - **Non-anthropology majors** – many programs have field or other experiential learning requirements that can be met by taking this course. *But you should discuss this option with your major advisor first to determine its eligibility in your own program.*



RENTAL SPACE DESCRIPTIONS

Overnight Cabin Rentals

All cabins feature WiFi, fully equipped kitchens (stove, refrigerator, microwave, and coffee maker provided), private bathrooms, heating, air conditioning, and keyless entry. Please note that dishes, linens, and cable/TV are not provided.

The Lodge sleeps 8 to 12 guests across eight bedrooms with XL single beds. It has two floors, with a large kitchen equipped with two gas ranges, three refrigerators, and a dishwasher. The second floor does not have air conditioning.

The Bailey Cabin sleeps 4 to 8 guests and features four bedrooms with full-size beds, a large wrap-around deck overlooking the lake and Redwood cabins, and rustic pine interiors with south-facing windows.

The Strawbale Cabin accommodates 3 to 5 guests with one bedroom and a sleeping loft. This unique natural building was designed and built by Hartwick students and features natural pine floors and plaster walls. Outdoor amenities include an earthen bread oven and fireplace.

The Cob House sleeps 2 to 4 guests with two sleeping nooks (not full bedrooms). Built from cob—a mixture of sand, clay, and straw—the cabin offers an open living area and is made largely of local and salvaged materials.

The Crossroads Cabin is a cozy studio-style cabin sleeping 1 to 2 guests with a small roofed porch overlooking the lake. Please note there is no parking at this cabin except for loading and unloading; all vehicles must be parked in Pine Lake's main or upper parking lots.

The Hill & Dale Cabin sleeps 2 to 3 guests in two small bedrooms and includes a kitchenette, open living room, bathroom, and porch. Like Crossroads Cabin, parking is limited to loading/unloading only.

The Lodge Apartment is a one-bedroom unit sleeping 1 to 2 guests with a kitchenette and open living area. It does not have air conditioning, and parking is limited to designated lots.

The Redwood One Cabin sleeps 3 to 6 guests in three bedrooms with full beds and has a screened porch and knotty pine interior. This cabin includes one nearby parking space; additional vehicles must park in the main or upper lots.

The Redwood Two Cabin accommodates 2 to 4 guests in two bedrooms with full beds, a screened porch, kitchen, living room, and bathroom. One parking space is provided nearby; additional vehicles must use designated lots. Guests may use the lower road for loading only.

The Outback Cabins each sleep 2 to 4 guests with two bedrooms, open kitchen and living areas, and share a grassy area with a firepit. Each cabin has one parking space nearby; additional vehicles must park in the main or upper lots.

