

SAMA-PERU ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDSCHOOL

Apply now! (Deadline Feb. 17th, 2020)



Experience Peruvian culture and prehistory as a member of the Sama Valley Archaeological Project through archaeological excavations, lab work, lectures, and excursions! In Sama (southern Peru) hyperarid conditions have preserved evidence of human occupation from the past 10,000 years. We excavate households and burials at the site of *Los Batanes*, a descendant community of the Tiwanaku state, one of South America's first complex societies (6th-11th cent. A.D.).

You will learn archaeological field (excavation, survey) and lab methods (human osteology, ceramic, lithic, faunal, and textile analyses) from experts



in the field. Lectures will introduce you to the prehistory of the Andes and different archaeological methods. Excursions to nearby cities and archaeological sites illustrate the unique setting of the Andean coast and its cultural diversity. This is an excellent opportunity for students

preparing for a career in archaeology or related fields, or anyone looking for a different way to experience study abroad and science!

Dates: July 4th - August 1st 2020 (4 weeks)

Location: Sama, Tacna (Peru)

Credits: 6

Prerequisites: none

Cost: \$4285 (not incl. international airfare, Sunday meals)

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Student Life: Project members live in our fieldhouse in Sama, a rural farming valley 40 min from the Peruvian city of Tacna. Living conditions are basic with shared bedrooms and bathrooms, electricity, hot water, kitchen and common room area. We will be there during Peru's winter, and temperatures can get up to 70

degrees during the day but nights are chilly (low 40 degrees). Warm sleeping bags, (rain) jackets, and layered clothing are recommended. Cell phone service is reliable in the area and students can purchase a local SIM card or international data plans through U.S. cell provider. We



work Monday to Saturday at the dig site and in the lab. Meals include breakfast, lunches at the dig site, and hearty local cuisine for dinner (some food restrictions can be accommodated). Sundays are rest days for shopping or local tourism.

Excursions: include a day trip to Tacna's colonial center and the highland town of Tarata (9,000 feet



above sealevel) nestled amongst the terraced landscape.



The second, 2-day excursion will take us to the Pacific coast and the Museum of the Desert and the Sea in Ite. From there we will travel to Moquegua whose historical center maintains the charm of a Spanish Colonial town. We will visit the Museo Contisuyo and climb the mountain-top site of *Cerro Baul*.