

ANTHROPOLOGY P405: FIELD SCHOOL IN ARCHAEOLOGY

SUMMER 2004

MAY 17 – JUNE 25, 2004

The course's primary objective is to provide the student with a broad-based introduction to archaeological field work. The curriculum will include participation in archaeological survey and excavation, preparation of field notes and documentation, and instruction in other fundamental field skills. This is a "learning through doing" course which will be supplemented by informal lectures and discussions concerning archaeological methods and Indiana prehistory. After completion of the course, the student should be qualified for an entry-level position on archaeological projects related to environmental compliance law (as specified in 310 IAC 21-3-4e, under authority of IC 14-21-1; also see 36 CFR part 800). There are no formal prerequisites for this course, but the completion of an application and **the instructor's approval is required.**

Your performance in the class will be evaluated in three areas:

- 1) Field skills—how well one is able to complete basic survey and excavation tasks.
- 2) Written work—field notes and forms.
- 3) Group interaction—cooperation and professionalism.

No "formal" examinations will be given in this course; however, students are required to keep a field notebook and to make daily entries concerning their participation in all aspects of the course. The notebook will be reviewed periodically by the instructors and is important in evaluating each student's performance. The field notebook will be retained by the Archaeological Survey and curated along with the materials recovered from the field school excavation. Each of the three categories counts for approximately 33% of the final grade.

There are NO required textbooks for undergraduates taking this course; however, there are several books about archaeology that you may wish to read. Consider these supplemental and NOT assigned readings:

Back to the Earth: An Introduction to Archaeology by John P. Staeck, 2002.

An Introduction to the Prehistory of Indiana by James H. Kellar, 1983.

Archaeology by David Hurst Thomas, 1997.

In the Beginning by Brian M. Fagan, 2003.

Discovering Our Past: A Brief Introduction to Archaeology by Wendy Ashmore and Robert J. Sharer, 1996.

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Major equipment and most expendable supplies will be provided, but you will have to purchase your own small tools, pencils, and an appropriate field notebook.

Required Personal Equipment:

1. Leather working gloves for use on screens and for moving brush; gloves must be worn at all times while working.
2. Sturdy plastic ruler with at least 10 to the inch gradations.
3. Mechanical pencil (0.5 mm or 0.7 mm) and supply of lead (preferably #2)—plus other pencils and erasers.
4. Clip board: a fold-over cover is nice but not required.
5. Sunscreen and insect repellent
6. A field notebook. The field notebook must have a sewn binding and contain high quality paper (spiral notebooks are NOT acceptable); a grid of 5 squares to the inch is preferable. The IPFW bookstore currently has two acceptable selections; a surveyor's notebook is also acceptable.
7. The following “hard-to-find” items will be available for purchase (at cost) from the field school staff on May 17th.
 - a. 5" or 6" **Marshalltown** trowel
 - b. **Five meter** long, retractable metal tape with gradations in **centimeters**.
 - c. “Bubble” line-level

Optional Personal Equipment

camera and film
calculator
backpack
tool box (or plastic fishing tackle box) or cloth bag
4-5 inch rectangular trowel
pocket knife
sunglasses
hat

Personal Health and Accident Insurance is required of all students. As unpaid members of the field team, you are **NOT** covered by workman's compensation or other employee insurance normally offered by the University. You will be required to sign a release form. Keep safety in mind at all times.

Meals and lodging will be provided. The members of the field school will leave Kettler Hall Monday morning at 8:00 A.M. and return Friday evening each week. There is a crew house on site with kitchen, bedrooms, and air conditioning; if students prefer, camping sites are available. Students must be able to attend class between May 17 and June 25, 2004.