

2017 College of Charleston - Charleston Museum
Summer Archaeological Field School, ANTH 493, 8 s.h. of credit
Dates: Monday, May 15 through Friday, June 30, 2017 (7 weeks)



Registration for the 2017 summer sessions begins March 20. You can simply register for the class on-line (ANTH 493), as with other Maymester and Summer classes. Field school costs:
In-state tuition: \$3,912 (\$474/credit hour, plus a \$120 lab fee per student). Out-of-state tuition: \$9,968 (\$1231/credit hour, plus a \$120 lab fee per student).

Faculty: Dr. Barbara Borg (College of Charleston), Ms. Martha Zierden (Curator of Historical Archaeology, Charleston Museum) and Mr. Ron Anthony (Archaeologist, Charleston Museum).
SCPRT supervisors: Mr. David Jones and staff (SC Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism).

Field school begins May 15th and ends June 30, 2017. We meet M-F from 7:30 - @ 3:00 p.m. We will begin with 2 weeks at the Rose Plantation on the Dill property on James Island, owned by the Charleston Museum. For the next 4 weeks the crew will be split, rotating between the work yard of the historic Aiken-Rhett House at 48 Elizabeth Street (downtown Charleston) and Hampton Plantation (north of McClellanville, SC). The last week we will all work together at Hampton Plantation. Transportation will be arranged if you do not have a car.

This is not a residential field school, so you will be in charge of your own living arrangements. All equipment will be provided. A small cooler you can sit on to keep your lunch in is good since we do not always have tables. Most students also carry a backpack and a large zip lock plastic bag for keeping cell phones dry. We wear comfortable clothes and shoes—shorts and T-shirts when working in the open, and long pants and possibly long-sleeved shirts if we are in the woods. A hat or a cap is a must. Wear comfortable, normal athletic-type shoes; no sandals are allowed for safety reasons. There is a definite homework component that consists of writing a summary of 20-25 professional articles and book chapters, a mid-term historical ceramics identification quiz, a synthetic exercise based on archaeological findings, and a final exam over both the written work and field methods.

A field school is an intensive hands-on experience where you work closely in small groups with instructors and supervisors on real research projects. Field school participation looks great on job and grad school applications! Though the field school is not only for those considering a career in archaeology, at least one substantial field school is necessary if you are thinking of continuing to train in, or work in, this field.

If you have further questions, please contact Dr. Barbara Borg, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, College of Charleston at borgb@cofc.edu.