FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ANTHROPOLOGY FIELD SCHOOLS

Q: I am interested in participating in a field school over the summer. How do I go about finding one?

A: The American Anthropological Association (AAA) has an extensive list of field school opportunities in all areas of Anthropology on their website and on-line bulletin board. In collaboration with the Charleston Museum, the College of Charleston hosts the bi-annual Southeastern Archaeological Field School where students work at historic sites around Charleston County. If you have questions about the Southeastern Archaeological Field School, contact Dr. Barbara Borg. Additional web-based resources for locating field schools are available on the Department of Sociology and Anthropology’s website. Opportunities are regularly distributed via email and announced in classes to Anthropology students. Your faculty advisor is also a helpful resource for locating and deciding on a field school experience.

Q: I found a field school that interests me, but it’s not through CofC. Is it possible to get course credit towards my CofC degree?

A: If the field school is a credit-bearing course offered through another College or University, you will be required by that institution to officially register as a student in the class. If this is the case, you should gather all of the details about the field school and schedule a meeting with the Associate Chair. The Associate Chair will determine if the course will be approved for transfer credit upon completion. If it would be approved, you have to complete and submit the Coursework Elsewhere Form to the CofC Registrar’s Office. If you need the course to fulfill requirements for your Anthropology major or minor, you will need to notify the Associate Chair when the transfer credit has posted to your DegreeWorks so that he/she can submit a petition to have the transfer credit fulfill major/minor requirements. This scenario does not require any payments to be made to CofC during the Summer.

If the field school is not credit-bearing, you should gather all of the details about the field school and schedule a meeting with the Associate Chair. The Associate Chair will determine if the field school is equivalent to ANTH 494 Field Work. If it is, you and the Associate Chair will complete the Application for Individual Enrollment Form and you would be registered as a CofC student in the course ANTH 494 during the Summer. This scenario does require payment to be made to CofC during the Summer.

Q: Is funding available through CofC or the Department for a summer field school?

A: There are 3 summer funding options available to Anthropology majors through the Department: The Jon Morter Memorial Award, The Catherine Wood Parker Memorial Award, and the Anthropology Fieldwork Award. Applications are typically due in March of each year. Additionally, the HSS Dean’s Office is offering competitive funding for the first time in 2015. Students who are double majors in Anthropology and Archaeology should contact the Archaeology program for additional funding options.