

2003 USF Anthropology Summer Field School in Urban Archaeology
ANT 4824 Field Methods in Archaeology
ANT 4180 Laboratory Methods in Archaeology
Summer C Session

Dates: May 12 - June 27, 8 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday

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Required texts: Field Methods in Archaeology, 7th edition, Hester, Shafer, and Feder; Archaeological Laboratory Methods, 2nd edition, Sutton and Arkush; Cultural Resources Archaeology, 2001, Neumann and Sanford.

Course Objectives: In this field school you will be introduced to the basic archaeological field and laboratory techniques, with an emphasis on urban historical archaeology. In specific, we will work toward competence in (1) basic field and lab documentation, (2) basic excavation skills, (3) use of basic survey instruments, (4) recognizing stratigraphy, (5) recognizing features, and (6) recognizing common artifact types associated with urban archaeology. A further objective is to engage you in the processes of archaeological research and discovery so that you can understand and appreciate the goals of archaeology and why archaeology is important.

Course Policies: The use of illegal drugs or substances during field school hours will result in immediate dismissal. Engaging in any form of illegal activity during field school hours will result in immediate dismissal. You are not to drink alcohol during field school hours or take part in intentionally dangerous activity (jumping into the Hillsborough River, for example). Smoking is permitted in a designated area away from the excavation units but is not permitted at any time in a university vehicle. Remember, we will be working in neighborhoods and communities where people live, and in this sense we are their guests. We must strive to act with courtesy at all times in our interactions with the public and between ourselves. We will also strive to arrive on time so as not to delay departure. These policies also pertain to the several class field trips that we will go on.

Course Requirements

Field Methods: Grades will be based on the following activities.

Daily reports	(35 points)
Quizzes	(Five @ 10 points = 50 points)
Skills assessment	(10 points)
Attendance	(5 points; one point lost for each day of unexcused absence in excess of 2 days, up to five points)

Total: 100 points

Lab Methods:

Quizzes	(Three @ 10 points = 30 points)
Skills assessment	(10 points)
Attendance	(5 points, as above)
Daily reports	(5 points)

Total: 50 points

Course Organization

Week 1 Introduction to Archaeology and problems in Urban Historical Archaeology
Readings: Field Methods (Appendix A, B, Ch.1, 2, 3, 4); Lab Methods (Appendix 1,2, Ch. 1,2); Cultural Resources (1,2)

Week 2 Investigating a City's Historical Landmarks
Readings: Field Methods (3,4,5,9,10); Lab Methods (1,2); Cultural Resources (3,4).

Week 3 Archaeology of the People: A City of Neighborhoods
Readings: Field Methods (6,7,8); Lab Methods (3); Cultural Resources (5).

Week 4 Archaeology of the People (cont.)
Readings: Field Methods (12); Lab Methods (9); Cultural Resources (6)

Week 5 Archaeology of the People (cont.)
Readings: Field Methods (13); Lab Methods (14, 15); Cultural Resources (7)

Week 6 A City's Past: Buried History Unearthed
Readings: Field Methods (14)

Week 7 A City's Past: Buried History Unearthed (cont.)

Note: supplementary readings can be assigned at any time.

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