

The 2009 UNL Summer Field School in Archaeology May 18 – July 10, 2009

In 2009 the UNL Summer Field School in Archaeology will involve you in a range of field experiences from Lincoln to central Nebraska. Students will be engaged in cutting edge research using modern technology as well as time-honored archaeological methods that depend on shovels and screens. You will learn to discover new sites and to investigate archeological deposits once located. You'll dig, map, photograph, draw, catalogue and earn 9 credits!

I. 18-29 May ~ Central Plains Pre-Columbian Archaeology



The field school will begin by introducing students to fundamental practical and ethical issues in field archaeology. Students will learn basic field protocols—designing field work and sampling strategies—and techniques—mapping, plan-documentation, stratigraphic profiling, test-pit excavation. They will also undertake pedestrian archaeological survey in Lancaster County, focusing on finding and describing deposits with Plains Archaic and Plains Woodland materials. During this portion of the summer, the field school will be based in Lincoln, so that students may live at home or on campus.

II. 1-19 June ~ Historic Trails of Nebraska

The field school will work with Dr. Paul Demers whose research focuses on the historic trails--the Oregon, Pony Express, and Mormon Trails—that served as the lifeline for a number of economic, religious, and military activities following expansions into this newly opened frontier. Students will learn about access to, merits and demerits of various historic documentary sources and the interpretation of cartographic and physiographic data. They will also conduct archaeological inspections of potential sites, employing various testing strategies to make initial assessment of site integrity and condition. Again, students will be based in Lincoln for this portion of the field school.



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III. 22 June – 10 July ~ Historic Battlefields of Nebraska



Finally, the field school will work with Drs. Peter Bleed and Doug Scott on their continuing research on the historic battlefields of Nebraska. In February 1865, Native American fighters engaged a force of U.S. Cavalry in a battle that came to be called Rush Creek. In 2008, the UNL Field School found a corner of this battlefield. Returning to Rush Creek, students will learn how to use metal detectors and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) to discover and record bullets, cartridge cases, and other debris that will show how this fight developed. Depending on what is discovered, we will

also open test excavations to investigate fortifications that were raised on the site. During this last portion of the field school, students will be based at Cedar Point Research Station with associated room and board costs.

Field School participants will earn 9 credits of Anthropology. In addition to tuition and fees (see below), students will be charged a laboratory and transportation fee of \$200 and will have to pay for their own room and board.

Item	Cost
Tuition and Fees	\$1,870.34 (undergraduate rate 8 week session 9 credit hours)
Room & Board	\$525.00 (175.00/ wk @ 3 weeks)
Transportation & Supply Fee	\$200.00
Student Travel Insurance	\$14.00
TOTAL	\$2,609.34

For application, see Department of Anthropology and Geography (810 Oldfather). Applications accepted until filled; acceptance letters issued after 15 April, 2009.

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