Overview: The Sand Hills comprise one of the major physiographic regions in Nebraska, accounting for more than one-quarter of the state. Yet it is the least known area archaeologically. This lack of knowledge largely stems from a paucity of significant archaeological investigation. This project aims to provide baseline data about past human use of this area through a combination of survey and testing.

Learning Objectives: Students will learn skills and archaeological field techniques that will prepare them for careers in archaeology, museums or anthropology in general. You will learn how to 1) conduct a surface survey, 2) locate and map archaeological sites, 3) identify and document artifacts, 4) excavate an archaeological site, 5) record soils and cultural strata, 6) communicate findings and significance of this work to the interested public, and other skills.

Schedule: May 16 - June 29
Fieldwork will occur in 3 10-day sessions, with 4 days off between sessions. In addition there will be two days of classroom instruction prior to starting fieldwork and three days of classroom instruction at the end of fieldwork.

Classroom Start: May 16-17
Field Session 1: May 18-27
Field Session 2: June 1-10
Field Session 3: June 15-24
Classroom End: June 27-29

Accommodations: Camping while in the field with access to cooking and bathroom facilities. Will cook and eat as a group so prepare for camp chores and dietary flexibility. Contact us for more information about housing arrangements in Lincoln.

Cost: 7 credit hours at a total cost of ~$3410 for undergraduates and ~$3900 for graduates (includes credit hours, food, lodging and transportation in the field). UNL will award 6 $1000 Hubbard Scholarships to select eligible UNL undergrad students and 2 $2000 Hubbard Scholarships to eligible UNL grad students.

Apply by April 15th: Electronic application can be found at: http://www.unl.edu/anthropology/2016-summer-field-school-archaeology