

The 2017 Field School in Midwestern Archaeology Belleville, Illinois

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Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
(6 credit hours: ANTH 454 & ANTH 455)

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Around AD 1050, Cahokia, North America's first city north of Mexico, was built just across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, Missouri, but after only 300 years, the city was abandoned. Ever since Cahokia was rediscovered by European explorers, the question has remained: What happened? This 6-week field school will dig into a site located in Cahokia's hinterlands that was occupied just as the city began to decline in the late 12th century. We will seek to answer questions about how everyday life was changing for Cahokia's hinterland inhabitants, and what that meant for the city's eventual abandonment.

This field school is a scientific expedition, and students will learn the standard archaeological techniques necessary to become professional archaeologists; from survey and mapping to excavation and interpretation of the houses, pits, features, and artifacts they encounter.

We will stay just 15 minutes from Cahokia Mounds, and 20 minutes from downtown St. Louis, which has lots of restaurants, museums, and other (mostly free) attractions to offer. Weekends will be yours to explore the city! We will also take one mandatory weekend camping trip into the St. Francois Mountains in SE Missouri, learning about Southern Illinois/Missouri history along the way!

**Non-Anthropology
Majors welcome!**

Applications are due by **March 31** to:
Erin Benson, Department of Anthropology
109 Davenport Hall, 607 S. Mathews Ave.
Urbana IL 61801

Successful applicants will be contacted by **April 7** with registration information.

There is a \$800 non-refundable fee, in addition to the cost of UIUC tuition. You will be responsible for paying for your own breakfasts and lunches, and we will have communal weekday dinners (~\$30 a week).

Applications, funding opportunities, and other information available at the UIUC Anthropology website: www.anthro.illinois.edu

Please contact **Erin Benson** at
ebensn@illinois.edu with any questions



Application

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You are applying to join a scientific research project as a student in the University of Illinois field school. It will involve strenuous physical labor under sometimes trying conditions (rain, heat, insects). You must be able to cooperate in close quarters with others. This application gives us some ideas as to your suitability, skills, interests, strengths, and weaknesses. Please answer as completely as possible.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Major/Occupation _____ GPA _____

Name of Emergency contact _____

Emergency contact phone # _____

Two most relevant courses taken and/or life experiences:

Career goals:

What do you expect from this experience?

What do you think your greatest contribution to the project can be?

We all have weaknesses; what's yours?

Do you have any health issues of which the instructors should be aware?

Please carefully rate how you feel you would fare in the following conditions:

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>
Heat/humidity	o	o	o	o
Humidity	o	o	o	o
Flexibility	o	o	o	o
Sense of humor	o	o	o	o
Observation skills	o	o	o	o
Ability to work as in a team	o	o	o	o
Ability to follow directions	o	o	o	o
Physical stamina	o	o	o	o

**Acknowledgement of Risks and Release of Responsibility
University of Illinois
Department of Anthropology**

The Department of Anthropology at the University of Illinois is offering students an opportunity to participate in Anth 454/455, Archaeological Field School (the "Program").

Please read and sign below:

I acknowledge that there are certain risks, hazards and dangers, including risks of physical injury, disability, or death and risk of loss of use or damage to my personal property. Risks include but are not limited to transportation accidents, weather related hazards and natural disasters, infectious diseases, the possibility of slips and falls, pinches, scrapes, twists and jolts that could result in scratches, bruises, sprains, lacerations, fractures, concussions, or even more severe life---threatening hazards. I understand that injury or loss may result from unknown or unexpected risks, but may also result from the use of equipment, materials, or facilities recommended by the University, environmental conditions, from the acts or omissions of others, or from the unavailability of immediate emergency medical care.

I understand that the landowners who have given us permission to work on their property and the University of Illinois does not guarantee my personal health or safety at any point during this Program, nor does they protect me against risk of loss of my personal property. I understand that it is the policy of the University of Illinois that registered students will be covered by health insurance under either the University's or a private policy of my choice and it is my responsibility to make sure I am covered for the duration of the Program. If I have a physical, mental or other condition that may in any way impact my ability to participate in the Program, I will disclose that to the Faculty member in charge of the Program. Even if I disclose these conditions, however, the University is not responsible for things that may happen to me because of my condition.

I understand the landowners and the University of Illinois do not assume responsibility for the actions of persons not employed by the University, for events that are not part of the Program, or that are beyond the control of the University, landowners, or their contractors, or for situations that may arise due to the failure of the participant to disclose pertinent information. I understand and hereby acknowledge that I assume all risks incurred by my participation in the Program. In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Program, I hereby release the private landowners involved in our archaeological project, the University of Illinois, its Board of Trustees, officers, agents and employees from any and all claims arising out of or in any way connected with the Program and my participation in the Program, including but not limited to the risks as outlined above.

I am competent to sign this consent release and waiver and have read and understood all the provisions contained in it and intend it to be binding on me and my heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives.

PARTICIPANT:

Name (printed)	Signature	Date
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SEND THIS FORM AND APPLICATION TO:

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Due date for applications is March 31, 2017
Application acceptance announced April 7, 2017
Look for more info on <http://www.anthro.illinois.edu/>