



Artifacts from Feltus.

Summer 2018 Field School in Archaeology at Natchez, Mississippi

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Join us for UNC's 2018 summer field school in North American archaeology. This year's field school, led by Prof. Vin Steponaitis, will take place during Summer Session 1 (May 16-June 21, 2018) and will be based in the beautiful and historic town of Natchez on the Mississippi River. We will excavate the Feltus Mounds, a Late Woodland ceremonial center which dates ca. AD 700-1000.

Students will earn 6 credit hours that fulfill the UNC Experiential Education, Historical Analysis, and World Before 1750 general education requirements and the Archaeology major/minor requirements for a field school. This summer's excavation will focus on the summit of Mound B. We expect to uncover a burned building as well as associated pottery, stone, and food remains. Understanding how the mound summits were used will allow us to make interpretations about the people who built the site as well as the ceremonies that took place there.

Topics will include the techniques of archaeological excavation, as well as mapping, photography, and artifact identification. Although some classroom and laboratory instruction will be given, most of the students' time will be spent excavating. Those who successfully complete the course will be prepared for a variety of future research and employment opportunities, including positions on other archaeological projects.

Enrollment. The course is open to undergraduate students and anyone with a college degree. Enrollment is limited to 12, and students must apply in advance (by March 15, 2018) and obtain permission to register. Applications will be available from the Research Labs of Archaeology office (108 Alumni Bldg) or online at archaeology.sites.unc.edu.

Tuition and Housing Costs. Participants will enroll in Anthropology 451 for 6 credit hours. Arrangements for student housing in Natchez will be made by the instructors. In addition to tuition, a fee (amount to be determined) will be required to cover housing and food.

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2006 excavations in Mound B.



UNC field school students and staff excavating in the plaza.