



Artifacts from the Feltus Mounds.

# Summer 2013 Field School in Archaeology at Natchez, Mississippi

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Join us for UNC's 2013 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 14-June 18, 2013) and will be based in the beautiful and historic town of Natchez on the Mississippi River. We will conduct excavations at Feltus Mounds and several other sites in the area which date ca. AD 700-1500.

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 a number of sites that eventually will become part of the Mississippi Mound Trail, a heritage tourism initiative sponsored by the state of Mississippi. The goal will be to determine when the mounds were built and how they were used.

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 29, 2013) and obtain permission to register. Applications are available from the Research Laboratories of Archaeology (108 Alumni Building) or <http://rla.unc.edu/teaching/fieldschool2013>.



2006 excavations in Feltus Mound B.



UNC students excavating the plaza at the Feltus Mounds.

*Tuition and Housing Costs.* Participants will enroll in Anthropology 451 for 6 credit hours. The following tuition and fees apply for undergraduates: \$1,320 for North Carolina residents; \$3,360 for out-of-state residents. Arrangements for student housing in Natchez will be made by the instructors. A fee (amount to be determined) will be required to cover housing and food.

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Application Deadline: March 29, 2013