



EXCAVATION PROJECT

The 2010 season will be the fourth year of excavation in prehistoric and antebellum Tennessee history. Plans for the upcoming season include the ongoing excavation of Native American sites that date from 2000-1000 years before the present, and the excavation of a plantation manor house and slave cabins from the early 19th century. As team members in the excavation, students will learn archaeological techniques and participate in the processing of all the artifacts in our lab at the Ames Plantation. Students will work with a staff of professional archaeologists who will provide hands-on training. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about history by recovering the material remains of the people who lived in this region for the past 2000 years.



SEMINAR TOPICS

- Slavery and economy in Tennessee
- Excavation and recording methods
- Ceramics and chronological inference
- Prehistoric archaeology
- Archaeological ethics
- Spatial dynamics and land use
- Reconstructing social communities
- Zoo-archaeology and diet
- Geo-archaeology: soils and sediments
- Paleobotany: pollens and phytoliths

From May 16 to June 4 students will live on the site of the Ames Plantation in Fayette County, TN, and participate in the excavation of archaeological remains. Field work and lab processing occupy the mornings and early afternoons, while late afternoons and evenings are reserved for discussions and writing.



THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The field school emphasizes multidisciplinary approaches to archaeology.

Topics for discussion are drawn from a variety of disciplines including the history and geology of West Tennessee, zoo-archaeology, botany, architectural history and social history.

This class covers both technical and historical issues. You will learn about the history of the southeastern United States as you excavate the material remains of prehistoric and historic settlements.



Excavate a Native American village and a plantation manor house while living at a historical site this summer!

This course does not assume students have previous archaeological field experience. This is a field methods class held in a fairly remote location in West Tennessee, requiring students to live and work together as a group while learning field methods and contributing to the success of a long-term project.

Archaeological fieldwork is demanding. Students should be in good physical condition and enjoy teamwork.

COST TO PARTICIPANTS

The total cost to students is \$1,750 for room and board at Ames, all field school activities and tuition for 4 credits.

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Rhodes Archaeology Field School

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ARCH 450–4 credits, F-11

