

Archaeology Field School in Lexington
ANT585: Field Laboratory in Archaeological Research
University of Kentucky 2022 Summer Term class

Interested in archaeology, the history of Lexington and the University of Kentucky campus? Are you looking for an opportunity to gain practical skills in historical and archaeological research? Want to spend part of your summer outside while also earning college credits? Consider enrolling in the Campus Archaeology Field School at the University of Kentucky! This is a six-week field program for college students to learn and practice historical archaeological research methods, locally in Lexington, Kentucky.

This archaeology project will explore the changing landscape of the University of Kentucky campus and the materials left behind by those who lived, worked, and learned in the historic



buildings of the University. The program provides six weeks of intensive, hands-on learning in archaeological excavation, primary source historical research, laboratory work, artifact analysis, and public engagement.



Our excavations will focus on the Bingham Davis House on E. Maxwell Street, a historic property that is currently home to the Gaines Center for the Humanities. We will excavate the outline of several structures that are no longer standing. Students will learn how to lay out an excavation unit, carefully excavate, and record what they find in the soil. In addition to excavation, archaeologists from the Webb Museum of Anthropology and Office of State Archaeology will demonstrate how we use remote sensing technologies to non-destructively identify underground features.



Students will learn to identify the features and artifacts we uncover in the process of excavation during the field lab. We will clean, sort, and catalog any artifacts we find while digging. This is a crucial step in archaeological research and helps build an interpretation of the site's history and understand the daily lives of those who previously occupied the site. This work is also an important step in preparing the archaeological materials for curation in museum settings.

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- Administration Building
- White Hall
- Prosser Hall
- Alumni Union Building
- Robertson Gymnasium
- Boyd Hall
- Palmer Hall
- Smith Hall
- Graves Hall
- Health and Hygiene Building
- Miller Hall
- Engineering Quadrangle
- Agricultural Hall
- Agricultural Engineering Station
- Engineering Building
- Kastle Hall
- Science Hall
- Mineral Laboratory
- Physics and Chemistry
- Natural Science and Greenhouse
- Palmer Hall
- Lafferty Hall
- General Place
- Bookkeeping Hall
- Business Hall
- Inventory and Conservatory
- Library Building
- Agricultural Experiment Station
- General Building Plant
- Service Building
- Home Economics Building

Buildings and Grounds
University of Kentucky

Map

You will be able to share with visitors what plants. Towards the end of the field school, giving a presentation (an exhibit, a website, a public.

May 23-July 1, 9am-5pm (end time may
 carried out on the University of Kentucky
 ng and transportation. This is a 6-credit
 on to tuition. ***Scholarships are available!***

Research

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g hands-on experience in the field! Valuable
archaeologist or in other heritage professions,
or related fields. And, it's fun!

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contact the instructor, Dr. Elena Sesma

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