FIELD SCHOOL
Archaeology 3585 and 3586

The 2019 Archaeological Field School will take place in Upper Lake Melville, Labrador from July 1st to August 2nd, 2019. Students will participate in a variety of archaeological activities in the field and laboratory, including the excavation and analysis of a 3,000-year-old campsite in Sheshatshiu, Labrador.

Students who complete the field school program will receive credit for two courses at Memorial University. For further information related to this unique educational experience, please contact the course instructor, Dr. Scott Neilsen, or the Archaeology Department on the St. John’s campus.

Please note in order to participate in the field school students must have completed ARCH 2583 Introduction to Applied Archaeology, or an equivalent course.

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Archaeological Fieldwork and Laboratory Techniques

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS FIELD SCHOOL WILL DEVELOP SKILLS VALUABLE IN THE HUMANITIES, SCIENCES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES THROUGH THE STUDY OF PLACE, HERITAGE, AND MATERIAL CULTURE.

The Innu, Inuit, and their predecessors have inhabited the Upper Lake Melville Region in Central Labrador for at least the last 5,000 years. Today the area is home to a variety of Innu, Inuit, and settler communities. Students in the field school will interact with a variety of heritage sites and people, and will learn about the complex history of the region and its relationship to social, cultural, and political circumstances today.

Participants in the field school will learn skills related to:
- Archaeological survey, excavation, and monitoring;
- Artifact cleaning, cataloguing, and storage;
- Note-keeping, mapping, and data management;
- Photography and digitization;
- Heritage policy, legislation and permitting;
- Indigenous and archaeological history
- Community participation and public engagement.

How to Participate

This field school is open to Archaeological majors at Memorial University, and anyone else who meets the entrance requirements.

Note: You must have completed ARCH 2583, or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience to the instructor, in order to participate in the field school.

Steps to participate:
- Become a MUN student ($50 application fee applies)
- Complete ARCH 2583 during Intersession
- Register for ARCH 3585 and ARCH 3586 using my.mun.ca or a Course Change Forum
  (Tuition is $275 fee per course, total $550)
- Pay field course fee
  ($250 supplies - everyone)
  ($1000 meals & accommodation - if required)
- Be prepared to work outside in all conditions
- Travel to Happy Valley-Goose Bay on June 30th, to begin class on July 1st

Preserving the past in the present to prepare for the future.

Fees

In addition to the normal application ($50) and tuition fees ($275/course), participants must also pay a fee for supplies ($250) and, if required, for meals and accommodation ($1000). Accommodations for up to eight students are available at the Labrador Institute Research Station in North West River.

Students not requiring a room and meals will be responsible for their own transportation to North West River Monday to Friday.

Course fees must be paid prior to the start of the field school.