

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 450: Field Work in Anthropology

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 6

Lecture Hours/Week: 0

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites:

ANTH 115 - Introduction to Archaeology

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

An applied course in archaeology involving excavations at archaeological sites during the summer months. Emphasis on field techniques including map reading, photography, excavation techniques, artifact processing and analysis.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 06/01/1995 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Preparing a site for excavation
2. Excavation techniques
3. Artifact recovery and initial curation
4. Feature recognition
5. On-site safety

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Understand setting datum and grid layout.
2. Understand opening units, tracking levels or layers in soils.
3. Understand artifact recognition, screening, troweling, shovel scraping and in site piece plotting.
4. Understand unit preparation for plan and profile photos and drawings.
5. Understand site photography and drawing plans and profiles.
6. Understand feature processing, including flotation techniques.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted