USM Archaeological Field School
May 31-July 1, 2016

ANT436/536: Field School
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Department of Anthropology and Sociology

Winterville Mounds, located near Greenville in the Mississippi Delta, is a large Mississippian mound Center originally including 23 platform mounds of various sizes. It is a National Historic Landmark. The site dates from AD 1200-1500, a time of intense mound-building in the Delta that occurred in the context of increasing social and political complexity. As one of the largest of the mound centers, archaeological research at Winterville is examining the site’s role in the political and social dynamics of the region.

ANT436/ANT536 Archaeology Field Methods
The USM Archaeology Field School will return to Winterville Mounds in the Mississippi Delta. In the context of Dr. Jackson’s ongoing research project at the site, students will learn basic excavation and recovery techniques, mapping skills, and other investigative methods. Students will also learn about the prehistory of the Lower Mississippi Valley through field trips to other excavations and archaeological sites. During the five week field school students will live in accommodation in or near Greenville Mississippi.

ANT439/ANT539 Archaeological Laboratory Methods
Following the field school, there will be an optional two week laboratory class, during which students will learn basic processing, artifact identification, and artifact curation skills by working on materials recovered by the fieldwork. It will be held at the Prehistoric Archaeology Laboratory on the USM campus.

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