

Saint Mary's College-University of Rhode Island
2012 Summer Field School in Maritime Archaeology

The Summer Field School in Maritime Archaeology is a joint research expedition conducted in Bermuda by faculty and students of Saint Mary's College of California and the University of Rhode Island. The field school is a research-based learning experience that will expose students to a variety of activities including archival research, artifact conservation, remote sensing survey, and underwater documentation of historic shipwrecks.

The field school will be conducted in the three week period from July 16 – Aug 8, 2012. Classroom work related to maritime history and maritime archaeological field methods will comprise week one. Underwater research and documentation of 16th and 17th century shipwrecks will be conducted in Bermuda during the remaining two weeks. Students will receive 3 units of upper division anthropology credit.

Course enrollment is limited. There are no academic prerequisites, but all participants in the field school must obtain both scuba and AAUS certification prior to the beginning of the field school and must have their own diving equipment (tanks and weights will be provided). While in Bermuda, students will participate in each of three research modules: laboratory training in the museum's conservation facility, archaeological survey and excavation and documentation of historic shipwrecks, and archival research in the Bermuda Archives, located in the nearby city of Hamilton. In addition, students will attend periodic lectures on such topics as archival research methods, archaeological survey (magnetometer and visual survey), site excavation and mapping, analysis of archaeological data, conservation of waterlogged artifacts, etc.

Application Procedures

For applications or additional information regarding application procedures, tuition, AAUS certification and travel, please contact Professor James M. Allan of the Saint Mary's College Anthropology Department jallan@stmarys-ca.edu or Professor Roderick Mather of the University of Rhode Island History Department rodmath@mail.uri.edu, who are the co-directors of the program..