

ANTH 343-A01

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD TECHNIQUES

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Iain McKechnie

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

Training in archaeological methods and techniques through participation in a field-based coastal research project. Complements the regional topics of ANTH 344, with which are normally combined to form the UVic archaeological field school. This particular course will begin with lectures and preparatory field training in Victoria followed by camp-based excavation and mapping in the Broken Group Islands (Pacific Rim National Park Reserve) financially and/or logistically supported by Parks Canada, the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre and the Tseshaht First Nation.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Archaeological excavation, mapping, and survey methods and techniques. Training will involve fieldwork safety, documentation skills, photography, mapping, excavation, stratigraphic profiling, augering, coring, and preliminary artifact and zooarchaeological analysis. Use of a total station, GPS, compass, hipchain, cameras, maps, and other survey and excavation instruments. Students will undertake collaborative archaeological report writing and receive authorship credit on a permit report. We will additionally implement the Parks Canada erosion monitoring protocol for cultural sites and regularly share results with First Nations heritage managers.

NOTE:

This course is part of a six-week long archaeological field school held in conjunction with the Department of Anthropology and Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. Enrolment in both ANTH 343 A01 and ANTH 344 A01 is mandatory for UVic students. Enrolment is limited and decided upon by the Department of Anthropology. An application form will be found on the Anthropology web site under the tab: Field Schools. In addition to the normal course registration/enrolment fee, there will be a fee for the Field School. More information will be forthcoming in Spring 2016. Please email Dr. Iain McKechnie iim@uvic.ca with any questions.