

ANTH 343 – Field School

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. To be taken along with the following course ANTH 344 which is 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 Tseshaht First Nation, Parks Canada, and the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Archaeological excavation, mapping, and survey methods and techniques. Training will involve fieldwork safety, documentation skills, photography, plan view mapping, excavation, wet screening, stratigraphic profiling, column sampling, and preliminary artifact and zooarchaeological analysis. We will regularly use boats, cameras, maps, trowels, water pumps, generators as well as a compasses, hipchains, GPS, and other survey and excavation instruments. Students will undertake collaborative archaeological report writing and receive authorship credit on a permit report. We will additionally share results with First Nations heritage managers and learn the Parks Canada cataloging system for tracking the material documented at cultural sites.

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.. Please email Dr. Iain McKechnie iim@uvic.ca with any questions.