

Archaeology of a California Mission

Where will the Field School Take Place?

During the two week portion of the project program, you will conduct excavations in the original courtyard of 200-year old Mission San Juan Bautista located in San Juan Bautista, California. San Juan Bautista is located in California's central coast area east of Hwy 101 on Hwy 156. The site lies approximately one-half hour north of CSU Monterey Bay.

Course Description

This course contains a field school and a project based learning lab in archaeology and archival research methods. Students will be introduced to the archaeology and history of the early California mission communities of the Central Coast by way of the internet and hands-on study of archaeological and historical materials from Old Mission San Juan Bautista and related early missions. Having studied the lab methods by which archaeologists



Students excavate mission foundations

examine and identify the cultural importance of artifacts from a California mission, students will spend two weeks conducting excavations within the 200-year old courtyard of Mission San Juan Bautista. Final projects will be posted at the Institute's web site located at <http://archaeology.monterey.edu>.



Have you ever wanted to practice archaeology but didn't know where to start? Are you an archaeology student who desires an authentic hands-on lab and field learning experience before you graduate? Or, do you have a desire to experience and discover California history for yourself? If your answer is yes to any of these questions, then this field school is for you!



What is a Field School?

A field school is the hands-on lab and field portion of your training as an archaeologist. The field school experience serves to guide you through the process of survey, excavation, artifact and specimens analysis, the recording of data and observations, and finally, interpretation of that data. Your field experience will prepare you to conduct basic survey and mapping, photography, and the preparation of detailed journals regarding the results of your fieldwork. The lab portion on the field program will provide you direct access to the hands-on study and interpretation of Spanish colonial, Mexican, and early American period artifacts and specimens.



Field School Program:
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