

ANTH 322 & ANTH 323/ Field School
Professor: David Goldstein, SCIAA-Dept. of Anthropology
(4 credits)

Maymester (May 7-June 4, 2011)

Course is listed as Summer I

Fulfills 3 hrs. of the 9 hr. Social Science Distribution Requirement

OR

Fulfills the Archaeological Requirement for the Anthropology Major or the DURT Program

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Fulfills the Fieldwork Requirement for the DURT Program

Course to be held in St. Croix, USVI.

Room & Board Fee not included in tuition.

STUDENTS MUST ALSO SIGN UP WITH STUDY ABROAD OFFICE

Course Description:

Our work over the four-week term will be to complete an archaeological survey in conjunction with NPS personnel in advance of the construction of a research facility. The objective of the survey is to document indigenous settlement in the area, continuing over 150 years of archaeological fieldwork at the site. Ancient houses, ceremonial architecture, and cemetery contexts are all part of the Salt River Bay complex. Key to our work will be to help curate previously collected materials and develop a digital catalogue of Salt River Bay materials to aid in the interpretation of park resources.

In 1992 the United States Congress established the Salt River Bay National Historical Park on the island of St. Croix. The rationale for establishing the park was to protect one of the last Caribbean reef canyons and mangrove coastal estuaries as well as the cultural heritage of the bay that consists of several colonial military installations, sugar export facilities, the historic landing site of Christopher Columbus' crew, and the first recorded resistance between indigenous Americans and European explorers. St. Croix was purchased from the Danish Government, together with the rest of the Virgin Islands Territory in 1917.

The Salt River Bay National Historical Park, together with USC, Rutgers University of New Jersey, the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, and the University of the Virgin Islands are all consortium participants in this field program. Students from these universities will have priority for space on the field program. The ideal is that at least two students from each participating university will be part of the project team.

St. Croix is within the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands. English is the official language; however, both English Creole and Spanish are spoken in some communities. A valid picture ID is required for travel to the USVI. While local food is quite good and is mostly developed from Tropical American and West Indian fare, local grocery stores and food options are similar to what you find on the US mainland.

We will be working 5.5 days per week, and evenings and Sundays will be free. Saturday AM will be for lab work and write-up time. Evening and weekend excursions to see some of the other National and Territorial Parks on the Island as well as guest lectures from local historians will be part of the four-week course plan.

This is a four-credit course requiring four weeks of field work (Monday through Saturday). Students will gain experience in archaeological mapping, survey, and excavation. Overnight accommodations for the field school are provided at the Arawak Bay Inn on St. Croix. Beyond the fee for four undergraduate credit hours, students will be responsible for room, board, and lab fees (\$3000). This fee is to be paid via STUDY ABROAD OFFICE, La Garre Hall, Third Floor.

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