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OVERVIEW

The Marshall University Archaeological Field School (MUAFS) is an umbrella term sheltering a number of archaeological activities at Marshall University.

The archaeological field school provides students with practical hands-on experience in fieldwork and in laboratory analysis. The public archaeology program introduces students to the world of cultural resource management (CRM). It involves Phase I archaeological surveys (part of the Section 106 process) across the state, conducted on a contractual basis with public and private entities. The MUAFS also maintains an archaeological and ethnological collection attached to the archaeology laboratory, and a fledgling research library.

The MUAFS plays a vital role in educating the public about archaeology and West Virginia’s past with an emphasis on preserving our fragile material heritage.

Many MUAFS students have gone on to complete higher degrees in archaeology across the United States and abroad and are employed in the profession or in a related field.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL IN THE SUMMER

Marshall University conducts an annual archaeological field school in the summer months. The five-week, 6-credit hour course is listed as ANT 323 in the Undergraduate Catalog. It offers students practical experience in archaeological surveying, excavation and recording, and includes a laboratory component. There are no prerequisites or additional fees for enrollment in the field school. Students are required to maintain a daily field journal and to participate fully in all the aspects of field and lab work. The class includes a series of on-site informal lectures on pertinent technical and cultural topics. A one-day field trip to visit other archaeological sites is often provided. Internships are available on a case-by-case basis.

The MUAFS has run field schools on a number of sites in West Virginia, dating from the Early Archaic (St. Albans in Kanawha County) through the Late Prehistoric (Clover in Cabell County and Snidow in Mercer County), to the Historic period (Madie Carroll House in Cabell County). The MUAFS is also involved in an extensive archaeological survey of the Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area in northern Cabell County.

A sample of other courses in archaeology offered at Marshall University:

- ANT 322 Archaeology
- ANT 324 Archaeological Analysis
- ANT 325 World Prehistory
- ANT 326 Classical Archaeology
- ANT 428 Archaeological Theory and Analysis

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