

**Field Excavation Techniques**  
**ANT4905 (31422)**  
**Spring 2024**

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Meeting Times: Saturdays -- January 27 through April 13

Location: Historic Newnansville, in the City of Alachua, FL

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Office Hours: Tuesdays -- 11:30am to 2:30pm

**Course Description/ Objective/Goals:**

This course consists of hands-on instruction of field archaeological techniques. You will receive training in remote sensing, field survey, shovel testing, test excavations, instrument mapping, paperwork, and artifact identification.

Course Requirements: Participation in fieldwork is required.

Grading: Based on participation in field work (see below).

**Grading:**

A final letter grade will be assigned at the end of the semester, according to this scale:

A	(93-100%)
A-	(90-92%)
B+	(88-89%)
B	(83-87%)
B-	(80-82%)
C+	(78-79%)
C	(73-77%)
C-	(70-72%)
D+	(68-69%)
D	(63-67%)
D-	(60-62%)
E	(59% or below)

**Attendance:** Regular attendance is required. Students are expected to attend and participate in at least four of the weekend options to earn full credit. Attend three, receive (75%, or a C); attend less than three, failure (grade of E).

**Clothing:** Spring temperatures can vary, so typically dress with the option to add or remove layers as needed. For hot days, the best excavation attire is light, loose summer style clothing. Since we will be on private landowner's properties, socially inappropriate or revealing clothing cannot be worn. You will need closed-toe shoes, like tennis shoes or work boots; you cannot dig in sandals.

Field Equipment and supplies:

You will be responsible for supplying -- Personal Water bottle or canteen, Gloves and Kneeling pad (if desired), Insect repellent, Sunscreen, Hat; any prescription or over-the-counter medications that you take on a routine or daily basis.

Schedule for Saturday Field Sessions

(from January 26 to April 13; dates are subject to some change, with advanced notice):

Arrive at the Laboratory of Southeastern Archaeology on Radio road before 8:30 am. Parking is available in the lab's compound. We will be transporting all participants in two UF vehicles. Bring lunch, a water container, any needed medication, a hat (if required for sun), and appropriate clothing.

We depart for the site area by 8:30 am, and will return to the lab between 3:00 and 4:00 pm. If inclement weather occurs while we are in the field, we will likely return to campus early.