This unique program will train you in the latest archaeological field techniques in two distinct regions: the Northern Sierra Nevada of California and the Little High Rock Canyon of Northwestern Nevada. The field school is taught in two ten-day rotations with a four-day break in between. The first rotation will allow you to explore a late prehistoric village site in the foothills of the northern Sierra Nevada, while the second will take you to a remote rockshelter perched high above the desert floor in Nevada.

You Will Learn:

► Archaeological survey and mapping techniques
► Excavation methods and protocols
► Documentation and cataloging practices
► Identification of cultural materials
► The culture history of northeastern California and northwestern Nevada

Earn Academic Credit

Students will be enrolled in ANTH 380 or ANTH 480 and will earn 4 units of academic credit toward their degree for successful participation in the field school.

Field School Directors

The field school is led by CSU, Chico professors Dr. Matt O’Brien and Dr. Carly Whelan. Both directors have experience in academic and cultural resource management (CRM) archaeology, so you will gain valuable experience in both realms.

Details:

► Program fee: $2,800*. Includes academic course fees, field transportation, and meals.
► Application deadline: April 1
► For more information, contact our field school instructors:
  • Dr. Matt O’Brien
    mjobrien@csuchico.edu
  • Dr. Carly Whelan
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* Fee subject to change pending final approval.