Archaeological Fieldwork in Coastal Ecuador
Summer Term III
June 25 – August 7, 2016

The FAU field school attracts a diverse student body from universities and colleges in the U.S., Europe and South America. The academic purpose of FAU’s field school is to train undergraduate and graduate students in archaeological methods, including human remains excavation and analysis. Students gain hands-on experience in anthropology through faculty-supervised research projects that are part of a research program that aims to understand the connections between the prehistoric past and present in terms of South American adaptations to coastal environments. The area of interest is the Pacific coast of Southern Manabí Province, Ecuador. The region is characterized by deep and shallow bays, alluvial valleys, and coastal mountains. Investigations focus on the systematic survey of alluvial valleys and on the excavation of coastal and inland sites. Over the past 15 years, FAU has participated in creating a research infrastructure that few other American universities have in the international arena. Over 200 students have been educated in this program, many of whom use this field program as their entry into the profession of anthropology.

Eligibility Requirements: Undergraduate (2.5 minimum GPA) or graduate (3.0 minimum GPA) standing from an accredited university or college and permission from the Department of Anthropology. Anthropology and non-anthropology majors are encouraged to apply. (Exceptions to the 2.5 GPA/3.0 GPA requirements may be possible for undergraduate/graduate students with an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, with permission of the faculty leader.)

Course Description: ANT 4824 Field Methods in Archaeology (3-6 credit hours): On-site field experience in methods of archeological fieldwork, recovery techniques, recording, sampling strategies, and survey. Additionally, there is a component on the study of ancient human remains. This course fulfills the Anthropology major research requirement.

Program Fee: $3,473

Program Fee Includes: The program cost covers all meals and lodging, some field equipment provided, application fee, pre-departure orientation, CISI health insurance, most in-country transportation, excursions, and on-site support staff.

Program Fee Does Not Include: Airfare, FAU tuition (all students will be registered; out-of-state tuition extra), laundry (approximately $6 per week), and spending money ($50 per week is recommended).

Financial Aid and Scholarships: Financial aid is available to students who qualify. Scholarships are available to FAU students only.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2016 or as space permits

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