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Coastal Salango, Ecuador

Archeological Field School in Coastal Ecuador

**Summer Term III
(June 26 - August 9, 2010)**

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 field and laboratory methods. Participants are taught approaches to the practice of archaeology, such as survey, excavation, data recording, laboratory procedures, and writing of reports. The training includes weekly lectures that focus on the process and theory of archaeological research and the prehistory of coastal Ecuador. 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. Previous studies show a continuous occupation. At about 5,000 years ago there were permanent settlements based on a mixed economy (horticulture, fishing, and hunting). Over time, agricultural communities with significant trans-oceanic long distance trade networks emerged. By the time of Spanish arrival, ranked societies with complex socio-political organizations were in existence. The goal of FAU's program is to reconstruct the prehistory and paleoecology of the region. Investigations focus on the systematic survey of alluvial valleys and on the excavation of coastal and inland sites.

Eligibility Requirements: Undergraduate or graduate standing from an accredited university or college, a minimum GPA of a 2.0, and permission from the Department of Anthropology. Anthropology and non-anthropology majors accepted.

Course Description: **ANT 4824 Field Methods in Archeology** (3-6 credit hours)
On-site field experience in methods of archeological fieldwork, recovery techniques, recording, sampling strategies, and survey. This course fulfills the Anthropology major research requirement.

*Graduate credit is available.

Program Fee: \$3,000, less a \$200 non-refundable deposit to guarantee a spot for the season. Final payment is due May 25.

Program Fee Includes: The program cost covers all essential living expenses, some field equipment provided, pre-departure orientation, most in country transportation, basic insurance, International Student ID Card, excursions, and on-site support staff.

Program Fee Does Not Include: Airfare, FAU tuition (out-of-state tuition extra), laundry (approximately \$6 per week), spending money (\$50 per week recommended), and airport departure tax (\$28 cash only).

Application Deadline: April 25, 2010

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