

# Indigenous Methodology: Southern Oregon University Summer Archaeological Field School SOAN 375, 23 June – 15 July, 2026



**Spend the Summer doing the archaeology on the Oregon Coast!**

This Field School is an intensive four week, 4-credit course (SOAN 375, 4 credits, + \$250 fee) where students participate in archaeological investigations on the beautiful Oregon coast. The Field School will introduce students to archaeological method and theory, remote sensing, survey, excavation, GPS use, artifact identification, stratigraphy, and public and Tribal outreach through fieldwork, field trips, and guest speakers. Students will learn about collaborative work, and the use of low-impact and decolonizing methodologies developed and favored by Oregon's Tribal people. Work will take place in Coos and Curry County in two, 10-day sessions on either side of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Students will participate in archaeological test excavations, geophysical survey, and pedestrian survey.



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### *Additional information:*

Participants will camp together during the field school. The project will take place in two sessions: June 23-July 2 and July 6-July 15, with a break in between for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Participants will live in tents at a field camp on the rainy Oregon coast, so students should be prepared for inclement, wet, and muddy conditions. Food will be cooked communally and the camp maintained by all participants. Transportation to and from Ashland at the beginning and end of both sessions is provided, but students are welcome to bring their own transportation as well. Students will need to provide their own camping gear (e.g. tent, sleeping bag, water bottle, personal effects) and field clothing (including boots), but food and kitchen supplies and archaeology gear will be provided. The area provides many amazing opportunities for hiking and exploration.

All participants must be able to meet the strenuous physical and social demands of archaeological excavation and hiking under rugged field conditions in the rain and mud of the Oregon coast. Participants will be working and living together in close quarters, and the ability to get along with others is essential. The class is open to students of any background, with the only prerequisites being an interest in archaeology and an ability to work hard as part of the team. All participants will need to register for the class at Southern Oregon University, and are expected to understand and follow Southern Oregon University Student Code of Conduct



All students must obtain instructor approval to enroll in the class, and enrollment is limited. Students should contact Mark Axel Tveskov at [tveskovm@sou.edu](mailto:tveskovm@sou.edu) for an application.

The deadline for priority acceptance is **May 1, 2026**.