The 2019 underwater field school will be held in the Aucilla-Wacissa drainage, a Florida Outstanding Waterway, ca. 45 minutes southeast of Tallahassee, Florida. This area contains dozens of Paleoindian sites (>11,500 years old) that were drowned and preserved by rising water levels at the end of the last Ice Age, giving us a unique picture of Southeastern Paleoindians.

We will be staying onsite for the duration of the field school. Class will be held Wednesday-Sunday. Students will be free for exploration and recreation on Monday and Tuesdays. Course fees will include food, housing fees, and use of FSU dive gear. Students must supply own mask, fins, and wetsuit booties.

Each student participating in the underwater excavation MUST be an AAUS diver or must be qualified to become one upon arrival, and MUST be cleared by the FSU dive safety officer, Chris Peters (cpeters@fsu.edu) prior to getting in the water. Diving requirements are viewable at https://www.marinelab.fsu.edu/marineops/diving/.

There are a few spaces available for non-divers. Priority will be given to AAUS divers, then non-diving FSU students and students with strong interest in geoarchaeology. Non-divers will be trained in all except the final two items below.

**Students will learn**
- Paleoindian material culture and theory
- Geoarchaeological basics, sampling, and recording
- Public outreach and interpretation
- Terrestrial survey and excavation
- Total station use and spatial data collection
- Archaeological sampling and recording
- Artifact identification, processing, and basic analysis
- Water screening and basic conservation methods
- Small boat operation and safety
- Underwater excavation and recording methods
- Underwater diver survey in clear and dark water

**Who were the First Floridians?**
- How did they live?
- How have their sites been preserved or destroyed?

Help us find out!

Deadline to apply is April 5, 2019.

Contact Jessi Halligan, (jhalligan@fsu.edu) for an application or for information.