



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Anthropology

Underwater Archaeology Field School

May 15-June 23, 2019 (6 weeks)

## *Submerged Prehistory and Paleoindian Geoarchaeology of the Aucilla and Wacissa Rivers*

(6 undergraduate credits, 5 graduate credits)



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](mailto: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.

*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](mailto:jhalligan@fsu.edu)) for an  
application or for information.



### 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*