



Proyecto Arqueológico de Otoro
JCCC – International Archaeological Field School
Jesús de Otoro, Honduras – June 13 to July 11, 2009

The Proyecto Arqueológico de Otoro (PADO) was created to incorporate archaeological research, education, and sustainable community development in the Jesús de Otoro valley, Honduras. The valley contains pre-Columbian settlement, rock art sites, and the ruins of colonial period churches. The formal research design takes a problem-oriented approach to understanding the cultural development and transformation of the communities in the valley from the first Paleo-Indian settlers through modern day. In particular, project members work closely with local and national agencies to highlight the importance of Lenca heritage through systematic archaeological and historical investigations.



Summer investigations will take place during June and July in conjunction with the JCCC-International Archaeological Field School. Through the school, students from the U.S. and Honduras will gain hands-on training, and also an opportunity to develop their own research. Students are encouraged to present their research results at professional conferences in the U.S. and Honduras, thus exposing them to the entire arc of scholarly research.

Eligibility

The field school is open to students from all academic disciplines; students enrolled at JCCC and elsewhere are eligible to apply. A working knowledge of conversational Spanish is recommended and demonstrated experience (through successful completion of coursework, study abroad, or similar) is required. Students who have successfully completed introductory courses in Anthropology and Archaeology may be given preference. Due to the nature of archaeological field work, all students must be in excellent physical health.

PADO and the archaeological field school are allowed to operate as guests in the host country. Therefore, all participants, from directors to students, must comport themselves in a professional manner. Failure to do so will result in immediate expulsion from the project.



Housing

Students will live in the town of Jesús de Otoro, situated between the warm central valley of Honduras and the cooler highlands. Jesús de Otoro is a small but prosperous Honduran town, with electricity and running water as well as several restaurants and shops carrying basic amenities. Student accommodations consist of shared rooms in a house with electricity and running cold water. Meals and housekeeping will also be provided.

Courses and Credits

Field school students will enroll in two courses through JCCC:

ANTH 150 People and Cultures of Mesoamerica (3.0 credits). This course is a survey of Mesoamerican cultural beliefs, traditions, and practices from the prehistoric era to the present day. Through the archaeological, historical, and ethnographic record we will adopt an anthropological perspective on the global, national, regional, and local forces on everyday life in Mesoamerica.

ANTH 205 Archaeological Field Methods (5.0 credits). This course is a combined lecture/demonstration/lab of archaeological field methods and techniques. The fundamental principles of archaeological research will be considered. Students will create and implement their own research design in the context of on-going investigations. Emphasis will be placed on practicing the essential skills needed to conduct archaeological research.



Additional field trips

In addition to field work and seminars, students will take an excursion through the highlands. The multi-day trip will include the colonial town of Gracias a Dios, the Lenca highlands, the Classic Maya city of Copán and the Copán Sculpture Museum

Estimated Costs

Total estimated costs (excluding personal supplies and incidentals):
\$3153

Program fee: \$1,700 (estimated)

Tuition for 8 credits (Johnson County Resident): \$520

Additional costs to the student:

Airfare and Airport Tax: \$933

International Insurance: \$24

Personal Supplies and Incidental Costs: \$200

Program costs include room and board for the duration of the field school, transportation costs while in the country, hotel costs and meals during the field trip, and research costs. During the 2009 field season, supplemental financial support for may be available to defray costs associated with airfare and airport tax.

International Insurance

All travelers on international trips sponsored by JCCC must have international medical insurance which covers medical emergencies abroad. Many medical insurance policies include international coverage; some do not. Travelers needing to purchase additional coverage should see the following page.

Application process

To apply, complete the attached form and send, or email, to:

William McFarlane
Department of Anthropology
Johnson County Community College
12345 College Blvd.
Overland Park, KS 66210
(913) 469-8500 x4640
mcfarlane@jccc.edu

Application Deadline: March 6, 2009



International Medical Insurance Options

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Full-time Students

Students enrolled in at least 12 credit hours during either the fall or spring semester can purchase an International Student Identity Card (ISIC) for \$24 in the International Education Office, SC 200. (If you provide a passport-sized photo of yourself, the card only costs \$22.) In addition to providing insurance coverage, the card gives you discounts at museums and stores around the world as well as reduced rate international calling options.

Travelers Ages 25 or Younger

Travelers who are not full-time students but are younger than age 26 can purchase a youth card for \$24 in the International Education Office, SC 200. (The same \$2 discount applies if you bring in a passport-sized photo.) The youth card has many of the same benefits, including travel insurance, as the ISIC card.

Full-Time Teachers

Travelers who are full-time teachers can purchase an International Teacher Identity Card (ITIC) for \$24 in the International Education Office, SC 200. (The same \$2 discount applies if you bring in a passport-sized photo.) The teacher card has many of the same benefits, including travel insurance, as the ISIC card. Please note that retired teachers and adjunct instructors are not eligible for this card.

Other Travelers

Travelers who are not eligible for any of the cards mentioned above have many other options for purchasing insurance. This information is provided to you as a service; JCCC does not have an ongoing relationship with any of these companies.

- Wallach & Company: Visit this company on the internet at <http://www.wallach.com/>. Purchase a "HealthCare Abroad" policy.
- Gateway: Visit this company on the internet at www.gatewayplans.com. Purchase their short-term "Gateway International" policy.
- Travel agencies: Most travel agencies offer international insurance.



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Applications may be emailed to: mcfarlane@jccc.edu

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Department of Anthropology
Johnson County Community College
12345 College Blvd.
Overland Park, KS 66210

Name: _____ **Birth date:** _____ **Passport #** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

College or University where you are currently enrolled: _____

Year and Major (if declared): _____ **Current GPA:** _____

List all relevant anthropology coursework:

List all previous archaeological experience:

Have you ever lived, traveled, or studied in another country? If yes, please provide details:

Do you speak Spanish? If yes, please describe fluency level:

Provide a brief statement explaining your goals and expectations for the field school. What do you hope to get out of the program professionally or personally?