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### THE PRE-COLUMBIAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY OF EASTERN HONDURAS



### SUMMER 2008

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**Dr. Terance L. Winemiller**  
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May 12 – August 2

JOIN ARCHAEOLOGISTS AND  
GEOGRAPHERS SEARCHING THE  
FIELDS AND TROPICAL FORESTS  
OF EASTERN HONDURAS FOR  
THE REMAINS OF LOST  
CIVILIZATIONS.

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# COURSE DESCRIPTION

This three to six hour, variable credit, undergraduate and graduate level course is designed to provide practical experience in archaeological and geographical field methods in a neotropical environment. The course will focus on archaeological field and laboratory methods geared towards developing a fuller understanding of the history and prehistory of the indigenous people of eastern Honduras.



Field study will focus on the relationships between humans and the environment and will examine site locations, material culture, and subsistence remains in this area lying between two culture regions, Mesoamerica and South America where several of the great high-civilizations in the Americas flourished before contact with Europeans. Fieldwork will involve archaeological site detection and registration through archival research, analysis of remote sensing imagery, interviews with local residents and property owners, and pedestrian survey. Students will have the opportunity to learn methods for developing field sketch maps using a compass and tape or pace procedure, map archaeological features using a laser total station, record geographical positions with Global Positioning Systems data recorders,

identify and classify the archaeological remains of architectural components and structures. The course will include excavation of a major prehistoric site near Juticalpa, Honduras and recovery of archaeological materials. A laboratory component will provide exposure to cataloging and analysis of recovered archaeological materials including ceramics, lithics, plant, and animal remains.

During your stay in Juticalpa, you will be the guest of a local host family. The family will provide meals as well as housing and laundry.



## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Signed release of liability, required by Auburn University Montgomery.
- Permission of instructor.
- Students are responsible for all costs related to participation and completion of this course.
- Valid passport.
- Proof of immunizations prior to departure for Honduras.

## LECTURE TOPICS

Formal lectures and field lectures will focus on the geography, prehistory, and history of Central America, ecology and culture-ecology of eastern Honduras, and field and lab methods in archaeology and geography.

Topics include:

- The geography of Middle America.

- The environment, natural history and ecology of eastern Honduras and Central America.
- Prehistory of Honduras and its neighbors.
- Conquest of the New World.
- Recent history of Mesoamerica and Central America.
- Culture and society in modern Honduras.
- Survey of Archaeology in Mesoamerica and South America.
- Theory in archaeology.
- Theories for the rise of complex civilization.
- Archaeology in Honduras.
- Culture-ecology and Human-environment relationships.
- Site formation processes and stratigraphy.
- Field survey methods in archaeology.
- Excavation methods.
- Dating methods.
- Ceramic analysis and lithic analysis.

## ANTICIPATED TRAVEL COSTS (\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- Roundtrip airfare, Atlanta to Tegucigalpa. Estimate - \$ 900.00
- Room and board in host-family home or hotel. Estimate - \$ 120.00 per week.

**Final Date to Book Airline Reservation:**  
April 1, 2008

**Final Payment Due Travel Agency:** May 1, 2008

## Other Costs to consider:

- Tuition based upon enrolled credit hours at Auburn Montgomery.
- Passport and visa fees.
- Meals not specified above.
- Your estimated travel expenses for optional visits, tours, or activities.
- Any items of a personal nature such as, telephone charges, snack foods, etc.
- Other item not specified above.