The Siksika Nation
• Our work occurs at the request and with the permission of the Siksika Nation, at archaeological site EePf-54 in the South Camp area of the Nation.
• Students will have the opportunity to work with our Siksika partners and community members during the excavations, and to experience cultural traditions and ceremonies necessary for these excavations to occur.
• All work occurs in partnership with the Siksika Nation, and the 2024 excavations are pending approval from the Nation.

Excavations at EePf-54
• The field school is held at EePf-54, a stratified campsite with at least six distinct archaeological occupations spanning at least the last 4,000 years, and potentially the last 10,000 years.
• This important and unique site is located at an important place in the Blackfoot cultural landscape, adjacent to Sooyohpawoahkoy (ridge under water), Chief Crowfoot's last tipi and grave, and Treaty Flats.
• Exploration of the dynamic relationship between the archaeological record of EePf-54 and Blackfoot oral tradition is a fascinating archaeological project, with many questions waiting to be answered.

Logistics and Preparation
• Field school runs Monday-Friday (with the exception of statutory holidays). The first week of field school will be on campus from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Following this, class will be held from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm on site at EePf-54 (weather permitting). The final week of class will be spent in the Alberta Heritage Project lab (8:30 am to 4:00 pm). Students must be prepared to allow weather or other logistics to alter this general schedule.

• A van will provide transportation to and from the EePf-54, located east of Calgary near the village of Cluny, Alberta on the Siksika Nation. Students must be at the meeting place on campus at 7:30 am for departure and should expect to return at approximately 5:30 pm.

• Archaeological excavation is physically demanding - students should be prepared for physical exertion on field days. All participants must bring their own food, drinks and appropriate clothing. The class is primarily an outdoor activity and students must be prepared to take care of themselves in the field.