

Plains Archaeology Field School

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Calgary's Edworthy Park

- Pending permission from the City of Calgary, the field school will take place within Calgary's Edworthy Park.
- Edworthy Park is located in southwest Calgary, on the west side of the city south of the Bow River. Only a few archaeological sites are known within the park, due to limited development here.
- Students will have the opportunity to work with our Indigenous partners and community members during the excavations, and to experience cultural traditions and ceremonies necessary for these excavations to occur.



On site teachings from Elder Vivian Ayoungman (2025)

Archaeology in Edworthy Park

- Students will excavate at archaeological site EgPm-389. EgPm-389 is a multicomponent site with occupations dating to the Precontact and Historic Periods.
- Students will document ongoing erosion at EgPm-389 where historic materials from Brickburn, an industrial village and brickworks, continue to be impacted by river erosion and illegal looting.
- Students will participate in an archaeological survey of portions of Edworthy Park, to create an inventory of sites present in the park.



2025 field school students testing archaeological site EgPm-389.

Course Information

ARKY 306 and ARKY 506

Field Course in Archaeological Field Techniques

Instructor: Dr. Lindsay Amundsen-Meyer

Cost

- The cost of the course is the standard six credit course fee plus a \$1078 supplemental field fee (TBC). * Visit www.ucalgary.ca for course fee information.

**The University of Calgary retains the right to change the fee structure without notice.*

Credit

- ARKY 306 is a 1.0 full course credit. The course counts as a 0.5 full course equivalent for the Archaeological Techniques portion of the Major Field Requirement.
 - ARKY 506 is a 1.0 full course credit and does NOT full the 500-level seminar requirement
- **ARKY majors/new registrants prioritized for registration until January 15, 2026.**

Course Description

Our field school aims to provide students with transferable skills useful across disciplines, increase their understanding of Indigenous worldviews and current realities, and provide real-world archaeological training useful in industry and academic settings. Students will gain experience in all aspects of archaeological survey and excavation and participate in an active archaeological research program.

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand and apply Northwestern Plains cultural historical schemes
2. Explain the relationship between land and identity in Indigenous communities
3. Demonstrate the skills needed to work effectively as archaeological field crew in academic and industry contexts
4. Relate principles of Indigenous knowledge to the field of archaeology
5. Generate strategies and approaches for engaging Indigenous community partners and reconciling Indigenous and Canadian relations
6. Recognize basic artifacts, raw materials, and form types and be able to apply that knowledge to artifact cataloguing



Field school excavations at EgPm-250 (Edworthy) 2025

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 **8:00 am to 4:00 pm**. Following this, class will be held from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on site in Edworthy Park (weather permitting). The final week of class will be spent in the Alberta Heritage Project lab (8:00 am to 4:00 pm). Students must be prepared to allow weather or other logistics to alter this general schedule.
- A van(s) will provide transportation to and from Edworthy Park, on the west side of the City of Calgary. Students must be at the meeting place on campus at 8:00 am for departure and should expect to return at approximately 4:00 pm
- Archaeological excavation is **physical 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.



Field School Students and Staff in Edworthy Park (2025)

Tipi Raising (2020)

For more information and how to register contact
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