



China

Yangguanzhai Excavation

Unearth the mysteries of prehistoric China as you contribute to the excavation project at Yangguanzhai, one of its largest Neolithic villages. Nestled in the scenic Jing River Valley near Xi'an, this site offers a glimpse into a vibrant farming community that thrived over 5,000 years ago. From uncovering pottery kilns and child urn-burials to exploring subterranean homes, you'll gain hands-on archaeological skills alongside international experts. Beyond the dig, explore historic gems, the lively city of Xi'an, and savor the bold flavors of Shaanxi cuisine in an unforgettable field school experience.

Why you'll love this program



Real-World Research

Uncover insights into daily life and behavior change at different stages of Yangguanzhai history.



Field & Lab Skills

Learn excavation techniques, geoarchaeological sampling, 3D technologies & more.



Unforgettable Location

Soak in Xi'an's dynamic energy & Shaanxi's natural beauty, with tours to the Terracotta Warriors & beyond.



Make a Difference

Engage with a local team and contribute to preserving one of China's most significant Neolithic sites.

Field School Details

Summer Program in China

- 5-week immersive research program
- Earn 8 semester credits/12 quarter credits
- Fieldwork, seminars & lab-based research
- Cultural enrichment activities and field trips included
- Student dormitory housing in Xi'an and hotel accommodation at site + most meals provided



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Make an IFR Field School Your Next Adventure

Our programs take you straight into the field, where archaeological sites and dynamic ecosystems become your classroom. Don't just study abroad—participate in important research, develop real skills, and make a lasting impact. With IFR, you're not only seeing the world—you're uncovering it.

Admissions at a Glance

- One-on-one guidance available
- Competitive tuition rates
- Simple online application
- Quick decision turnaround
- Rolling enrollment deadlines
- All majors & academic backgrounds welcome



The World is Our Classroom

Immersive field training programs in the U.S. and around the globe ranging from 2-6 weeks in length.



Field Research that Matters

Unique programs in archaeology, environmental science, paleontology and more.



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