



Belize

Actuncan Excavation

Discover the fascinating world of the Maya as you delve into the Actuncan site, a pre-Columbian city located along the serene Mopan River valley in western Belize. During this field school, you'll gain practical archaeological skills while helping to investigate the rise and fall of this once thriving political capital, from its days of royal power to its eventual decline and rebirth as a local community center during the Maya Collapse. Venture into Belize's vibrant jungle to explore iconic archaeological sites and cultural treasures, blending hands-on research with unforgettable adventure.

Why you'll love this program



Real-World Research

Investigate how Actuncan's power, community dynamics, & resource management evolved over time.



Field & Lab Skills

Develop excavation, artifact analysis, and mapping techniques alongside expert archaeologists.



Unforgettable Location

Discover lush jungle, sacred caves, and iconic Maya ruins from our base in Belize's ecotourism capital.



Make a Difference

Support a heritage preservation project that strengthens community-focused tourism opportunities.

Field School Details

Summer Program in Belize

- 4-week immersive research program
- Earn 8 semester credits/12 quarter credits
- Fieldwork, seminars & lab-based research
- Cultural enrichment activities and field trips included
- Shared jungle lodge accommodations + hearty Belizean 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.



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