During the Spring 2019 semester, Associate Curator Neill Wallis will lead a field and lab course focused on the archaeology of the Garden Patch site. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the site is a ca. 1500 year old Native American civic-ceremonial center located in present-day Horseshoe Beach, FL. This year we will focus on documenting a prehistoric building and associated activities on the summit of the site’s platform mound, which was the main locus of ritual at preeminent sites of the era. Our goal is to determine the function of this elevated surface during the site’s peak in population and regional influence.

Students will receive intensive training in archaeological field and lab work, including stratigraphic excavation, instrument mapping, artifact identification, and artifact analysis.

Schedule: Fieldwork will be conducted during the first half of the semester, leaving Gainesville Monday mornings and returning Wednesday afternoons. The second half of the semester will be devoted to lab training in Gainesville at Dickinson Hall, Mondays and Tuesdays.

Course credit: 6 credits of Field Sessions in Archaeology (ANT 4824) and 3 credits of Lab Sessions in Archaeology (ANT 4180L)

Contact Dr. Wallis for more information and to apply.