Dr. Robert Rosenswig will teach the two field school courses: Aant 335 (3 credits) and Aant 338 (6 credits). The latter is an intensive field course of practical instruction and hands-on learning that comprises the 8 hours per day (5.5 days per week) of field work. The former consist of evening lectures, lab training and weekend field trips to archaeological sites in the region.

A Ant 335: Field Methods in Archaeology (3 credits) Instructor: Dr. Robert Rosenswig
This course introduces undergraduates to field and laboratory techniques in archaeology through lectures, practical demonstrations and exercises in the field, and readings. It will be taught in tandem with Aant 338 under the auspices of the Las Mercedes Archaeological Project in Costa Rica, Central America. Students will acquire skills in setting up excavation units, recording elevations, selecting excavation strategies and areas to test, filling out field records, making field observations, drawing plan, profile, and site maps as well as laboratory processing of artifacts. These skills will be practiced daily in the field. Students will be required to pass a practical exam demonstrating competence in a full range of field skills and a written exam on field methods.

A Ant 338: Archaeological Field Research (6 credits) Instructor: Dr. Robert Rosenswig
Students will join the research team of the Las Mercedes Archaeological Project as assistant staff members in the exploration of the monumental core of the Las Mercedes site. This field research course will stress links between data collection and interpretation. The research objective of this project will be contextualized within the context of lower Central American archaeology. Lectures will cover a range of topics on archaeological research, and field trips will be taken to nearby sites. This course will be taught in tandem with Aant 335.

Various 8 week quarter classes are offered at UAlbany each year and students are encouraged to explore their options for the session from March 19-May 8, 2012 session (see http://www.albany.edu/catalogs_calendars_schedules/academic_calendar_spring_2012.htm). However, the Department of Anthropology will offer Human Osteology as a quarter class that students can enroll in and begin once they return to Albany. Please contact Dr McCArthy for more information:

A Ant 311 Human Osteology (3)
This course is an intensive study of the anatomy of the human skeleton. This course will cover bone histology, growth and development of bones, common pathological conditions, the determination of age and sex from skeletal material, and the identification of whole and fragmented bones in archaeological and forensic contexts. This course will include a laboratory component to provide students with the opportunity to examine the material discussed in class. Prerequisite(s): Permission of the instructor.
Instructor: Dr. Robert McCArthy, rmccar10@yahoo.com