The Mashantucket Pequot Reservation is one of the oldest, continuously occupied landscapes in the eastern United States. Since field studies began at Mashantucket in 1983, tribal archaeologists have identified more than 250 archaeological sites, including Paleo-Indian camps, 9,000 year-old pit houses, a 17th century fortified village, and 18th and 19th century farmsteads.

The 2011 UCONN field school will take place on the Mashantucket Pequot Reservation and be based at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center. Field and laboratory studies are designed to contribute to a long-term collaborative research project to reconstruct the land use and landscape history at Mashantucket from 15,000 B.P. to the present. Excavations will focus on a series of mid- to late-Holocene sites (ca. 9,000-4,000 B.P) and a small 17th century Pequot community.

The 6-week, 6-credit field school will include training in New England Native and Colonial history, archaeological survey and excavation techniques, laboratory methods, conservation procedures, artifact cataloguing and analysis, and methods and techniques in archaeo-botany and the reconstruction of historical landscapes. Students will have a unique opportunity to work on a collaborative research project alongside tribal members, archaeologists, historians, archaeo-botanists and ecologists. Qualified students may have an opportunity for employment when the field school is completed.

Fees: Summer Session courses are paid on a per-credit basis at a rate of $336 per credit hour. If you choose the full six-week program, your cost will be $2,016. In addition, there is a $50 lab fee, payable on the first day of class.

Application: All students must fill out an application in order to be considered for the field school and receive a permission number so they can register. Contact Dr. Kevin McBride via e-mail for an application.

Registration: You may register for this course (Anth 3990.11; Class # 1772) once you have the approval of Dr. Kevin McBride. Dr. McBride can be reached at kevin.mcbride@uconn.edu or by calling 860-396-6814. For information on the registration process, go to www.summersession.uconn.edu.

Housing: University housing and meal plans are available. Contact Res Life at 860-486-2926 for a summer housing application or go to the website to learn more: http://www.reslife.uconn.edu/