

Procedures for Petitioning for a Local Option for Sociocultural Anthropology Field School

We understand that there are special circumstances that may prevent students from participating in the international sociocultural field schools the department offers each year. While we prefer that you participate in one of these mentored experiences, we also want to accommodate anyone who may not be able to do so. As a faculty body, we want everyone to have a quality experience wherever they conduct their research, but this requires that the student works closely with a faculty mentor during the duration of the field work. To ensure a quality experience, we ask that you submit a formal petition in the fall semester before your planned local field school. This petition process is also intended to help you conduct the best possible project.

How to apply:

1. Write a project summary (no longer than two pages, single-spaced) of your proposed local field school project, including the following information:
 - a. Describe your research project and outline your research questions.
 - b. Provide a description of the region and/or community where you plan to conduct your research as well as a brief description of any prior experience among this community.
 - c. How do you plan to carry out your research? Include information about where you plan to stay, how you will get access to the community or communities you plan to study, and your travel plans.
 - d. What are your research methods and how will they generate the data necessary to answer your research questions?
 - e. You will be required to meet with an advisor once a week who will be familiar with you're the ethnographic field work you are going to conduct. How will do you plan to meet with you advisor?
 - f. Local field projects come with unique challenges, such as making time for fieldwork amid other commitments. How will you navigate your local commitments to ensure you spend a comparable amount of time doing fieldwork each day as students traveling abroad?
 - g. Provide the reason(s) why you cannot do your ethnographic field project in one of our mentored field schools.
2. Submit the proposal to Dr. Reber at april_reber@byu.edu by November 10, 2022.

If you are granted an exception to participate in a local option sociocultural field school, you will then need to enroll in ANTHR 442 - Ethnographic Research Design and Methods in the winter semester before the summer of your field school in order to develop your research design. Additionally, conducting a local project is contingent on successfully completing a 1-credit hour course (TBD) during winter semester with Dr. Reber.