

## Archaeology in Mongolia: Khanuy Valley Archaeology Project 2019

Investigate the roots of the First Steppe Empire of Mongolia through archaeological fieldwork in the famed Khanuy Valley region of northcentral Mongolia. Learn state of the art field methods and conduct hands-on work on Bronze and Iron Age sites with an international team of archaeologists who are investigating human-environment relationships and the development of complex societies in Inner Asia. Along the way, expose yourself to a radically different culture and way of life by living and working among Mongolian pastoral herders who make up one of the world's last remaining nomadic cultures.

### PROGRAM LEADERS

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### COURSE

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ANT 432 – Field Course in Archaeology

### APPLICATION PROCESS

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Students complete the Specific Field program application. The deadline is January 15, 2019. If accepted, a full WKU study abroad application and deposit must be completed by February 1, 2019. The program application is found here...  
<http://people.wku.edu/jean-luc.houle/index.html>

### ACCOMMODATIONS

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Participants will stay in a hostel in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia's capital city) before and after fieldwork. The field camp consists of sleeping tents, a kitchen gear (more commonly known by foreigners as a 'yurt'), an 'office' gear, as well as pit toilets. All participants sleep in their own tents and sleeping bags that they take to the field. Meals are not covered in the city but are in the field. Hired cooks will be responsible for buying and preparing all of the food consumed in the field. See Project Overview for details.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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This archaeological research project and field school aims to investigate human-environment relationships and understand the nature of the social, political and economic organization of Bronze and Iron Age societies in the Khanuy Valley region of Mongolia through the use of landscape and settlement archaeology.

Located in the grasslands of northwestern Mongolia, the research area is dotted with impressive stone built burial and ritual sites dating to the Bronze and Iron Ages (second and first millennia BCE) and continues to be inhabited by horse-riding nomadic pastoralists who have maintained much of their traditional lifeways.

The 2019 field season will include excavation of habitation sites and ritual structures, as well as geoarchaeological and geophysical work. Participants will receive training in proper methods of unearthing and documenting materials, and other related field and lab methods (see Project Overview for details).

## PROGRAM DETAILS

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**LOCATIONS:** Ulaanbaatar  
Khanuy Valley

**ACADEMIC TERM:** Summer 2019  
**May 24 – June 16, 2019**

**ITINERARY**

5/24/2018	Arrive in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
5/26/2018	Travel by land to research site in Khanuy Valley.
5/26/2018 to 6/13/2018	Archaeological fieldwork in Khanuy Valley
6/14/2018	Return to Ulaanbaatar
6/16/2018	Leave Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

**All dates and locations are subject to change.**

## ELIGIBILITY

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### STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Current WKU student eligible to enroll in WKU courses OR students from outside WKU may participate as non-degree seeking student,
- Good academic standing as defined in the Undergraduate Catalog or Graduate Catalog,
- A minimum of 18 years of age at time of departure,
- No current disciplinary sanctions as verified by the WKU Office of Student Conduct,
  - Students who become ineligible to attend the program after applying due to disciplinary sanctions will be subject to standard program cost penalty rates. Students are responsible for notifying the Office of Study Away when they become aware of this ineligibility. For eligibility questions pertaining to disciplinary sanctions, students should contact the WKU Office of Student Conduct.
- Students must complete [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. All students studying abroad are required to pay \$150 application fee,
- Students must select program on TopNet and pay \$250 deposit to finalize admittance process,
- Student must possess passport book valid for a least six (6) months after return date,
- Students must complete pre-departure orientations,
- Full payment prior to departure, and
- Permission of instructor(s) is required.

If a student completes a program without full payment prior to the departure, the student should receive an incomplete until the obligation is paid. The Office of Study Away will inform faculty leaders if a student is in this situation prior to the Study Away term grade deadline.

Code of Conduct: All participants will be held a program-specific Code of Conduct that will be provided to accepted participants.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR NONCREDIT PARTICIPANTS

- Possess passport valid for a least six (6) months after return date.
- Meet payment schedule and full payment prior to departure.
- Maintain adherence to Code of Conduct.
- Completion of appropriate registration forms provided by the program leader and/or Study Abroad.
- Permission of instructor. The instructor reserves the right to restrict participation of any non-credit participants and by applying for the program, the non-credit participant accepts the terms.

## PROGRAM COST

### Base Package: \$2,100

- Tuition: Undergraduate or graduate tuition for 3 credit.
- Land Program (May 21 – June 4)
- Arrival Orientation
- Accommodation – 2 nights in a hostel in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) before and after fieldwork Meals in the field
- Project-related ground transportation in Mongolia
- International medical insurance

### EXCLUDED FROM ALL PACKAGES

- Items not explicitly listed in package
- Passport and visa costs
- Transportation within the United States
- International air transportation
- Independent travel (non-program travel)
- Airport-to-hostel transfer
- Airport taxes or fees
- Meals, services, and beverages not included on-board or during course-related field programs
- Meals in Ulaanbaatar
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access
- Tips for guides and drivers not included in program-related activity
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance (*Highly recommended*)
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight changes
- WKU Study Abroad application fee

**Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts.  
Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.**

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The selection process for this program requires a specific application provided by program leader.
- Independent travel (*before and/or after the programs start and end date*) is permitted.

<p><b>Payment Schedule:</b></p> <p><b>February 1, 2019</b> – Application with \$250 non-refundable deposit.*</p> <p><b>February 1, 2019</b> – Program Fee will be charged to student’s TopNet account (minus \$250 non-refundable deposit). Non-credit participants will be contacted for payment options.</p> <p><b>May 1, 2019</b> - Balance must be paid prior to program departure. Students applying after this date will be billed on a rolling basis.</p>	<p><b>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</b></p> <p><b>After February 1:</b> 25% of program cost  <b>After March 1:</b> 50% of program cost  <b>After April 1:</b> 75% of program cost  <b>After May 1:</b> 100% of program cost (No refund)</p> <p>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU’s Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</p>
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\* Deposit paid by student directly with a credit card – NOT billed to student account. Applications accepted on a first-come, first-served after February 1, 2019.

The total amount due in your semester invoice may reflect the combined charges for multiple terms (i.e. Fall and winter or Spring and Summer) and includes program fees for your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program. Please see your TopNet account for a breakdown of amounts due per term. Refer to your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program’s CoA for final payment due dates and billing information. If you have any questions, please email [facultyled.abroad@wku.edu](mailto:facultyled.abroad@wku.edu).

## LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the program.
- **FAFSA** - In order to qualify for financial aid, student should apply for FAFSA at time of application.
- **Physical Requirements** –Participants should be in good physical condition and be able to adapt to basic living conditions. Participants live in tents for their entire stay, use pit toilets, wash themselves and their clothes in a cold stream, and filter and carry their own water. There is no electricity or running water nearby. Excavation work at the sites involves carrying equipment to and from the vehicles, working on one’s hands and knees, and moving stones and soil in and out of excavation trenches using hands, trowels and shovels.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION AND ADVICE

The following medical conditions (or limitations) would make participation difficult or uncomfortable for participants.

- Problems with back, legs, knees or ankles. There is a lot of walking, bending, kneeling, crouching and sitting on the ground. Remember that you are also sleeping on the ground.
- Severe arthritis, cardiac problems or high blood pressure.
- Sensitivity to direct sunlight.
- Diabetics should carefully consider their individual medical needs when deciding whether to participate in this project. The Field School does not have the capacity to carry or store insulin.
- Restricted diet: low sodium, low fat, strict vegetarians, vegans.

Living and Working Conditions (including weather conditions) are discussed in greater detail in the ‘Project Overview’.

*Western Kentucky University and its associates are not responsible for any loss due to theft, personal injury, flight or weather delays, negligence, or default of suppliers, or suppliers changing of itineraries. They and their associates are not responsible for any loss due to travel/flight delays or changes in travel plans due to Acts of Nature or other unforeseen circumstances, nor are we responsible for accidents and medical care. Tour services are furnished by independent contractors who are not agents or servants of Western Kentucky University. Refunds are not available for unused portions of the package.*

Contact [facultyled.abroad@wku.edu](mailto:facultyled.abroad@wku.edu) for information.

CoA subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.

## ARRIVING IN MONGOLIA

### AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION

Participants MUST arrive in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) by May 24, 2019. The MANDATORY orientation will take place at a designated location on the morning of May 25, 2019. Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangement to/from Mongolia. The international arrival airport is Chinggis Khaan International Airport (ULN).

### INSURANCE

The program includes supplemental international medical insurance. As with all travel arrangements, flexibility is key and Trip Cancellation/Interruption insurance is recommended.

## UPDATED INFORMATION

### LODGING IN ULAANBAATAR

All participants stay at the 'Mongolian Steppe Guesthouse' in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia). Two nights before and after fieldwork are covered by the Program. Participants wishing to arrive earlier or stay later beyond the program dates must make their own arrangements with the hostel's owner. The program leader can help with that.

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION

The 'Mongolian Steppe Guesthouse' where we all stay at in Ulaanbaatar offers an airport pick up/drop off service for a fee comparable to local cab fares. We highly recommend that participants use this service.

### Meeting Program Leaders

The team leader will meet all participants at the 'Mongolian Steppe Guesthouse' on the morning of May 25, 2019.

**Shuttle Option – Book on your own.**

**Taxi Option – Book on your own.**