





UCLA Cotsen Institute of Archaeology

WAYSTATION INITIATIVE



2025 UCLA Summer Cultural Heritage Program Preliminary Schedule

Week 1 (July 21, 2025):

- Formulation of first research collaboration among students from the three campuses
- Introduction to coursework
- Introduction to heritage objects
- Learning Objective: Group focus on presenting at professional meetings/conferences; modes of presentation; formulating topics

Week 2 (July 28, 2025):

- Constitution of second research collaboration among students from the three campuses
- Discussion and analysis of course readings
- Presentation by guest lecturer
- Active Engagement through Stakeholder Activity
- Learning Objective: Group focus on presenting at professional meetings/conferences; abstracts; developing a conference participation plan

Week 3 (August 4, 2025):

- Reformulation of the first research collaboration groups
- Discussion and analysis of course readings
- Visit to the Fowler Museum and discussion of their collections and repatriation activities
- Learning Objective: Presentation and discussion of research design via topic ideas and draft abstracts
- College applications: curriculum vitae, references, statements of purpose

Week 4 (August 11, 2025):

- Reformulation of second research collaboration groups (?)
- Ethics Bowl: Heritage and Social Justice: Who Owns Culture?
- Learning Objective: Submission of project abstracts; submission of conference participation development plan.
- Meeting at UCLA with a faculty mentor

Timetable

- May 15, 2025: Application deadline
- May 30, 2025: Notification of acceptance
- July 21, 2025: First week of the summer program
- August 11, 2025: Last week of the summer program
- 1st or 2nd week of September: Submissions to Society for American Archaeology
- 1st week of September and monthly until February 15: Students meet with on-campus mentor to develop conference plan
- 1st week of February and bimonthly until conference: Students meet with on-campus mentor to refine presentation
- April 2026: Society for American Archaeology or Southwestern Anthropological Association conferences in San Francisco, CA