



BLC Field School Application
Buildings-Landscapes-Cultures
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and
Madison Application Deadline: June 10, 2021

Application Form

Summer 2021 Buildings-Landscapes-Cultures Field School
School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Dates: July 6—August 7, 2021

You are also required to attend a preparatory workshop on Monday June 28, 2021, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Room 183, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, UWM.

The BLC Field School is a nationally recognized award-winning project that combines immersive learning with civic engagement. The Field School welcomes the participation of members of the community, and it is open to anyone who is interested and **can make a full-time commitment (Mon-Fri 10am-4pm) over five weeks**. Students are eligible to receive academic credit for the Field School, which may be taken as an Independent Study (3 cr.) or Internship (3 cr.). If you don't need college credits then you can join the field school for FREE as a community participant.

Website: Thefieldschool.weebly.com;

What will be the focus of the 2021 field school?

Our goal is to write urban histories that reflect the lived realities of people in Milwaukee's marginalized and segregated neighborhoods. In Summer 2021 we will examine community spaces such as streets, sidewalks, alleys, open spaces, gardens, empty lots, and parks. These are sites where community members sustain human relationships and practice mutual aid and self-care. Using methods such as material culture and architectural documentation, history harvests, short and long form oral histories, community led walks, asset mapping, and spatial ethnography, we will document the geography, layout, and stories of everyday life in these spaces.

During the 5-week period, we will learn the following:

Current thinking on concepts such as "black ecologies" and feminist practices of "radical care."

We will learn how to interview people and will interview selected community residents.

We will learn how to observe and map physical spaces.

We will learn and practice other ethnographic methods such as community led walks and history harvests.

We will search the archives in innovative ways to find underrepresented stories. We will examine how local community knowledge about place, environment, and ecology is produced, nurtured, and passed down to the next generation and how we as scholars can help archive and preserve these forms of knowledge.

Finally, we will plan and stage a final event in August that will include a walk through the neighborhood with stations where we will present our findings.

Detailed Schedule

Meeting times: M-F 9AM-4PM

Location: Washington Park Week 1-2; SARUP Week 3-5

Week 1; July 6-9: Workshops and preparation

Week 2; July 12-16: Oral History and ethnographic data collection

Week 3; July 19-23: Archives and continue ethnographic data collection

Week 4; July 26-30: Analysis and dissemination

Week 5; August 2-6: Dissemination and Final events

August 7, 2021: Final event



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Personal Information

Full Name: _____
Last *First* *M.I.*

Address: _____
Street Address *Apartment/Unit #*

City *State* *ZIP Code*

Permanent Contact Phone: _____ Alternate Phone (optional): _____

Birth Date: _____ Email: _____

Applying as (choose one):

University Special Student

Summer Guest (Summer only)

UWM Student

Other (explain below)

Educational Background

University/
Employer: _____ Department: _____

Year/Level: _____ Email: _____

Recommender: _____ Email: _____

Recommender
Phone: _____ Title: _____

Prior Education, if applicable

University	Degrees	Dates	Comments

List any prior experience with field schools, fieldwork, or study abroad field trips

Kinds of Field work	Location	Dates	Details

Please attach a short note from your advisor recommending you for this field school (see attached)



Letter of Recommendation is needed only from those students who will not be taking this class for credits.

You may ask your advisor, teacher, or employer for a short recommendation note. They may email it directly to Dr. Arijit Sen at senA@uwm.edu or mail/email it with your application.

The field school includes 5 weeks of 30-hour work schedules, including field measurements, oral history documentation, photography, sound recording, group work, archival and historical research, and preparation of research/documentary reports. As a result, we would like your recommender to comment on the following points:

1. Is this field school relevant to the applicant's coursework and educational experience?
How?
2. Evaluate applicant's ability to work in teams?
3. Evaluate applicant's ability to conduct primary research and self-directed work.
4. Evaluate applicant's intellectual ability to work in interdisciplinary and community-based contexts.
5. Evaluate applicant's ability to be persistent and handle long hours of fieldwork.