Northern Europe Sustainability Field School 2015

"The World is the Classroom"



Geography field schools provide unique life-changing learning opportunities for UVIC students. The benefits of getting out of the classroom to learn in the field cannot be overestimated.

After three successful summers leading the Cascadia Sustainability Field School through the Pacific Northwest, we have decided to develop a new itinerary this summer, exploring sustainability efforts in the cities of Northern Europe.

Traveling by train, bus, bike and on foot we will visit cities of Iceland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands. Along the way we will meet with urban planners, community leaders, activists, academics and others engaged in cutting edge efforts to promote ecologically and socially just and sustainable cities. We will stay in comfortable hostel or equivalent affordable accommodation.

Most days involve structured activities (e.g. guided field trips, workshops) with plenty of time available for individual exploration and group reflection. The field school commences on Monday, May 11th with preparatory classes and field trips planned for the Victoria region. The travel portion commences after our flight to Reykjavik (departing on May 20th) and wraps up in Amsterdam on Jun 15th. Students will fly home or travel onward on Jun 16th.

Now Accepting Applications

We are now accepting applications for the Northern Europe Sustainability Field School.

This travel study program runs from May 11th to Jun 16th, 2015 and is open to all UVic students with 2nd Year or higher standing. Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive credit for two courses.

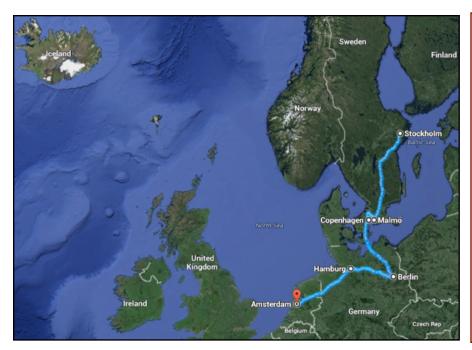
To secure your place apply by Nov 15th, 2014 with a \$1500 deposit. Applications are available online at: http://geography.uvic.ca/undergraduate/fieldschools.php

For more details on the field program, please contact group leader Cam Owens at:

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Rather than standard classroom lectures, field school learning takes place through hands-on activities, discussions with local experts, site visits, group reflection circles and a range of other formal and informal experiences.

Academic requirements include the following:

- completing questions on presession readings
- 2. keeping a field journal
- delivering two group presentations in the field (one introducing an itinerary location and one focusing on an important dimension of Europe's cultural geography)
- final exam (on the last day of the field course, reflecting on your learning)
- 5. ongoing active participation
- assistance on a group legacy project (bringing home to our own communities what we learned in the field)

PROGRAM COSTS

On top of tuition for two courses (paid separately to the registrar), the field school has a program fee.

This fee covers: airfare, all ground transfers between itinerary locations and local transit, accommodations from May 21 to Jun 15 (including most breakfasts), activity costs (e.g. entry admissions, guide and workshop fees, presenters' fees) and an emergency contingency fee.

It does not cover: tuition for the two courses, meals, entertainment and (mandatory) travel insurance.

At this point the program fee is estimated at **\$4500** but may fluctuate slightly, depending on enrollment and other factors.

Itinerary

May 11-15 Victoria Program (UVic + field trips

May 20 Flight to Reykjavik, IS

May 21-23 Reykjavik, IS

May 24-27 Stockholm, SE

May 28-30 Malmö, SE

May 31-Jun 3 Copenhagen, DK

Jun 4-7 Berlin, DE

Jun 8-10 Hamburg, DE

Jun 11-15 Amsterdam, NL

Jun 16 Return home or travel onwards

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