LAW 384 Structures of Reconciliation: Field Course in Environmental Law and Sustainability
Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre, Vancouver Island, BC
August 24 to September 4, 2020

Application Deadline March 1, 2020.

Description

The intensive field course LAW 384 Structures of Reconciliation: Field Course in Environmental Law and Sustainability will be offered as part of summer term from Monday, August 24 to Friday, September 4, 2020. Professor Deborah Curran, the Executive Director of the Environmental Law Centre is the course instructor.

This course will be taught on-site at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC) on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Students will be housed at BMSC for the duration of the course.

BMSC is a not-for-profit facility dedicated to education and research. It is a shared campus of the Universities of Victoria, British Columbia, Alberta, Calgary and Simon Fraser University.

Students must review the detailed course description for the field course before applying. It is posted on the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC) website http://www.bamfieldmsc.com/education/prospective-students/courses/detail/environmental-law-and-sustainability.

Application Process

In order to be considered for the field course, students must submit an on-line application to the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC) before March 1, 2020.

The application is here: http://www.bamfieldmsc.com/education/prospective-students/how-to-apply.

BMSC is a shared campus and applications for the field course will be accepted from law students and environmental studies students from the member universities. There are 22 seats available total.

Applicants will be notified whether they've been accepted or not by mid-March.

Please direct questions regarding this on-line application process to Professor Deborah Curran dlc@uvic.ca.

Required Prerequisite

To be eligible for the field course, students must already have a background and interest in environmental topics and have completed an upper year environmental law course prior to August 2020. Examples of prerequisite courses are LAW 329 Environmental Law, LAW 353 Environmental Law Clinic and LAW 392 Water Law, all offered in 2019-20.

In addition, students must complete all course readings before attending the course. The readings will be posted around July 1, 2020.

Registration in the Field Course

Students accepted into the field course by BMSC should contact Yvonne Lawson, Manager, Academic and Students at lawmaass@uvic.ca regarding general JD course planning and registration in LAW 384. Students will be manually registered in LAW 384 in summer or fall term 2020 for 1.5 units.
Full-time Course Registration Requirement: Flexible Credit Allocation, by Permission

LAW 384 is a summer term course offering.

In any given term, law students must register in a full-time course load as determined by law regulations. Full-time studies is 7.0 to 8.5 units/term and 14.5 to 16.5 units/year of study. See the Course Planning Guide for full details.

Given the unique nature and timing of this field course offering, students that are not otherwise planning to register in summer term courses may request permission to count LAW 384 towards their full-time fall term instead. This exception is unique to this field course and requires an emailed written request and approval from Associate Dean Gillian Calder (lawassoc@uvic.ca) for degree planning and tracking purposes.

Third year students completing their academic program in summer 2020 are not eligible for the field course if they require their final course grade before mid October. Degree completion letters are only available after all grades have been entered. Graduating students registered in LAW 384 should identify themselves to Associate Dean Calder.

Tuition and Costs

Fees for LAW 384 consist of two parts: (1) University tuition fees and (2) BMSC fees:

1) University Tuition Fees

   Students registered in LAW 384 as part of their full-time summer course load will pay full-time tuition and ancillary fees for the summer term. Students registered in LAW 384 as part of their full-time fall course load will pay full-time tuition and ancillary fees for the fall term. (See section above regarding full-time registration requirement.)

2) BMSC Fees

   All students registered in LAW 384 are required to pay the BMSC fees: An application fee of $50, a non-refundable course deposit fee of $200 due by April 1 and a course fee of approximately $1,150 for the two-week field course. The BMSC fees include on-site housing, meals and user fees. For full details see the Tuition and Fees section of the BMSC website here: http://www.bamfieldmsc.com/education/prospective-students/fees-tuition.

Funding

Funding in the amount of $500 is available to UVic law students to offset the costs of the field course. Students that have submitted an application to BMSC may email a one-paragraph funding request to Professor Deborah Curran at dlc@uvic.ca.

Evaluation and Grading Timing

A final research project will be due to Professor Curran by September 30, 2020.

IMPORTANT: Third year students completing their academic program in summer 2020 are not eligible for the field course if they require completed official grades before mid-October. Degree completion letters will not be issued until a final grade is approved and entered.

Graduating students should identify themselves to Professor Deborah Curran (dlc@uvic.ca) and Associate Dean Gillian Calder (lawassoc@uvic.ca).
Facility and Accessibility

Detailed information about the BMSC facility, including food and housing is available on their website: http://www.bamfieldmsc.com/facilities.

Students should be aware that there is no accommodation available for physical accessibility at BMSC. There are gravel paths and steep slopes joining the classrooms and housing at BMSC. The course includes visiting several sites of Indigenous law, however no particular physical fitness is required.

Transportation

Students are responsible for their own transit to and from BMSC. Options and maps are detailed here: http://www.bamfieldmsc.com/about/bmsc-overview/how-to-get-here.

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It is anticipated that this field course will not be offered at BMSC in summer 2021, however it will be offered in 2022. The same application and registration rules will apply.

Questions

If you have questions regarding course content, the BMSC application process or funding support please contact Professor Deborah Curran at dlc@uvic.ca.

If you have questions regarding UVic summer course registration or academic requirements please contact Yvonne Lawson, Manager, Academic and Student Relations at lawmaass@uvic.ca.

If you are requesting permission to register in LAW 384 as part of your full-time fall term courses, or have any concerns about graduation please contact Associate Dean Gillian Calder at lawassoc@uvic.ca.

If you have questions regarding the BMSC facility, housing, food, etc., please contact BMSC at info@bamfieldmsc.com.

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