

LAW 343E
ĆELÁÑENEĒ: A Field Course in the Re-emergence of WŚÁNEĆ Law
Fall 2018

Ballot and Registration Information

PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING BALLOT

Course Instructors: John Borrows and Rob Clifford

Description

The Faculty of Law is offering ĆELÁÑENEĒ: A Field Course in the Re-emergence of WŚÁNEĆ Law during the Fall semester of 2018. This course is offered in partnership with the WŚÁNEĆ Nation and the generous financial support of the Victoria Foundation. ĆELÁÑEN means “ancestry or birthright” and ĆELÁÑENEĒ means “of the ancestor’s cultural ways” or “of the birthrights”. This intensive place-based course will be taught in the WŚÁNEĆ community on the Saanich Peninsula and will include a number of trips to local mountains, rivers, and a 3-night camping trip on the Gulf Islands. This course is focused on WŚÁNEĆ People’s own laws, and the ways in which those laws are generated and carried forward. Consideration will also be given to the colonial relationship and power structures between the WŚÁNEĆ and Canadian legal traditions, as well as the opportunities and barriers this creates for the revitalization of WŚÁNEĆ law. A principal purpose of the course will be to develop a collaborative community-based legal education model. During seven weeks of the course students will work under the supervision of WŚÁNEĆ community members in learning and applying WŚÁNEĆ law to community-based projects identified as important by the WŚÁNEĆ community.

This course will be a semester long intensive course and will comprise a full course load for the semester. The first three weeks involve an intensive classroom component where students will have 6 hours of contact per day. Class contact hours over the next seven weeks will fluctuate while students are engaged as community-based learners and participants working in small groups of 2 or 3 directly with WŚÁNEĆ elders and knowledge holders on identified projects. Students will be expected to treat this seven-week period as a full-time educational experience, devoting at least 30 hours a week to their community-based work and research. The last two weeks of the class will once again involve a 6 contact-hours-a-day classroom component. Students will make presentations and engage in discussions with one another and select community members related to their seven-week placement experiences.

Eligibility and Admission

In fall of 2018, the WŚÁNEĆ law field course will be open to 12 second and third year UVic law students, 2 law students from other Canadian universities, and 2 students from the WŚÁNEĆ community.

An intensive field course of this nature requires students who are interested, dedicated, and respectful while engaging and learning in an Indigenous community. All UVic law students must (1) participate in an interview with Robert Clifford, (2) submit a written statement no longer than one page in length explaining why they want to participate in the course, and (3) submit a course application (ballot) to be eligible to participate.

The interviews must take place between Monday June 4 and Friday June 8, 2018. Email Robert Clifford at robertclifford@osgoode.yorku.ca to schedule an interview time during this week.

The written submission is due no later than Monday June 11th at 10:00 a.m. by email to Rob Clifford at robertclifford@osgoode.yorku.ca.

As there are limited places in the course, a lottery will be held to determine which students gain access to the course and which will be waitlisted. **The deadline to participate in this lottery is Monday June 11, 2018 at 12:00 noon.** (see ballot for details).

Priority Rules

Priority will be given to Indigenous students and those with a connection to and/or involvement in an Indigenous community.

Because the W̱SÁNEĆ law field course is not offered on a regular basis, **no priority in registration** is granted on the basis of seniority. That is, the priority that is usually accorded in the course registration process to students entering third year, over students entering second year, will **not** apply to the W̱SÁNEĆ law field course registration.

The Faculty of Law reserves the right to exercise an overriding discretion in regard to the interpretation and application of all priority rules.

Required Pre-requisite

The field course is open to second and third-year law students. There are no required pre-requisites for this course.

Registration, Tuition and Cost

Students that successfully ballot for the W̱SÁNEĆ law field course will be registered by administrative staff in LAW 343E ĀCELÁNENEŁ: A Field Course in the Re-emergence of W̱SÁNEĆ Law in the Fall term 2018 for 7.5 units. Students will pay full-time tuition for the Fall 2018 semester.

The W̱SÁNEĆ law field course will cover costs for transportation to all field trip locations, including the ferry fees to the Gulf Islands. Students must pay for any additional personal costs

during the course, for example transportation to the ŁÁU, WELNEW Tribal School on West Saanich Road (the location where classes will be held and field trips will depart from), daily meals, and for any travel for a personal or family members emergency during field trips.

Credit and Standing

Students enrolled in the WSÁNEĆ law field course will earn 7.5 units toward their Fall 2018 semester (i.e., full-time course load credit).

Teaching Methodology and Evaluation Method

Teaching methodology will include lectures, guest lectures, class discussions, oral presentations, in-class exercises, film, and a number of field trips. Course materials will include articles, excerpts from books, and other resources to be made available. A number of books (approximately 4-6 depending on length) relating to WSÁNEĆ law and culture will be assigned to be read during the community placement projects. These books will also help inform community work and academic papers.

The WSÁNEĆ law field course will be graded on a pass/fail basis. Evaluation methods will include: class attendance and participation (in classroom, on field trips and during community placements), short in-class reflections after field trips, short weekly contributions to the course blog while in the field as community-based learners, an accessible memo or report directed to the community regarding community projects undertaken (approximately 10 pages), a one-hour oral presentation on community projects/placements during the final two weeks of class, and a final academic paper directed to the instructor (approximately 30 pages).

Students must satisfactorily complete and pass all assignments in order to pass the course.

Facility, Accessibility and Accommodation

The WSÁNEĆ field course will be held at the ŁÁU, WELNEW Tribal School (7449 West Saanich Road) on the Tsartlip First Nation reserve. The classroom components and all field trips will leave from this location. The Tribal School is approximately a 30-40 minute drive from the University of Victoria campus and about 1.5 to 2 hours by bus (including transfers). Students must be able to commute to this location on a daily basis. Classroom components and field trips (during the first 3 weeks and last 2 weeks of semester) will take place Monday – Friday approximately 9:00 am to 4:00 or 5:00 pm. Students must also be able to commute to the Saanich Peninsula during their community placement projects (September 27th through to November 16th).

The WSÁNEĆ law field course will run from September through to December and is structured around a number of place-based outings and field trips. While the majority of the field trips will take place during the earlier portion of the semester (hopefully taking advantage of the nicer weather) there is always a chance of rainy and cool weather. Field trips and camping trips will

take place regardless of the weather, and students must be adequately prepared and equipped to spend entire days outside. Students will also be taking a 3-night camping trip to the Gulf Islands. Students will require adequate camping materials for this trip.

The field and camping trip for this course involve travel to a variety of rivers, mountains, and other locations that are not wheelchair accessible. Paths to these locations may be gravel or rock/dirt and somewhat steep at times. Therefore, to enrol in this course, participants must be able to climb stairs and walk unaided to these locations. Accommodation for different learning abilities must be addressed prior to the start of the course. Students with concerns regarding accessibility or accommodation should contact Robert Clifford (robertclifford@osgoode.yorku.ca) or Associate Dean Gillian Calder (lawassoc@uvic.ca).

Communication During the Course

The middle portion of the WSÁNEĆ law field course will include a 7-week community placement project. During this time students primary point of contact will be assigned community supervisors. While this portion of the class will require students to be independent in their work, students will remain in contact with each other through a weekly post online relating to their community project and learning. Students may also contact course instructors as needed.

Authorization for Consent to Medical Treatment

Students will be asked to sign an authorization for consent to medical treatment in case of emergency and will be required to provide contact information for one person who is not enrolled in the course.

BALLOT

LAW 343E Field Course Fall 2018

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Ballot Deadline: Monday June 11, 2018 12:00 noon
To Law Reception (in person) or by email to lawaoa@uvic.ca

Students may submit one ballot only. The ballot must be completely filled out.

Name: _____

Student Number: V00_____

UVic Email Address: _____

Please complete the following questions:

1. Fall term 2018 will be my _____ term of _____ year. (*e.g. My first term of third year*).
2. Select one:
 I am a co-op student, and will ensure that the WSÁNEĆ law field course is part of my approved co-op schedule.
 I am not a co-op student.
3. I met with Robert Clifford on the following date: _____.
4. I submitted the written statement to Robert Clifford on the following date: _____.
5. If I do not obtain a place in the field course, I understand that I will be automatically added to the waitlist.

I confirm that I have read and understood the supporting documentation and expectations regarding LAW 343E ĆELÁNENEŁ: A Field Course in the Re-emergence of WSÁNEĆ Law, ŁÁU, WELNEW Tribal School, Tsartlip First Nation, Fall term 2018.

Name: _____

Date: _____