Application Deadline March 1, 2019.

Description

LAW 384 Field Course in Environmental Law and Sustainability will be offered in summer term from Sunday, August 18 to Friday, August 30, 2019. This intensive field course will be taught by Professor Deborah Curran, the Executive Director of the Environmental Law Centre.

The course will be taught on-site at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC) on the 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.

The detailed course description for the field course 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, 2019.

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 UVic, UBC, SFU, U Calgary and U Alberta. 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 2019. Examples of prerequisite courses are LAW 329 Environmental Law, LAW 353 Environmental Law Clinic, LAW 392 Water Law and LAW 343 Natural Resources Law, all offered in 2018-19.

In addition, students must commit to completing all of the course readings before attending the course. The readings will be posted around July 1, 2019.

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 Field Course in Environmental Law and Sustainability in summer term 2019 for 1.5 units.
Exception to Full-time Course Registration Requirement: Flexible Credit Allocation, by Permission

Law students must register in a full-time course load in summer term 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.

However, given the unique nature of this field course offering, an exception will be made for LAW 384 (only).

Students may either:

1) Register in a full-time course load and count LAW 384 as 1.5 units toward their summer 2019 unit requirement.
   or

2) Register in LAW 384 (only) in summer 2019 and notionally apply 1.5 units of LAW 384 towards their fall 2019 course requirements. For example, students may register in 6.0 units in fall and count the 1.5 units of LAW 384 from summer to earn 7.5 units in fall 2019 or spring 2020. Important: This option 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 2019 are not eligible for the field course if they require completed official grades 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 the Associate Dean Calder.

Students registered in LAW 350 Law Centre in summer 2019 are not eligible to register in the field course in summer 2019.

Tuition and Costs

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

1) University Tuition Fees
   a) 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. (See section above regarding full-time registration requirement.)
   or
   b) Students with permission from the Associate Dean to register in only LAW 384 in summer term are subject to part-time summer tuition (based on 1.5 units) and part-time ancillary fees. (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 $1,000 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

Some funding is available 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, 2019.

Third year students completing their academic program in summer 2019 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.

Summer 2020

It is anticipated that this field course will be offered at BMSC in summer 2020, and that 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 only in summer 2019 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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