

# ES FIELD SCHOOL INFO SESSION

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**SUMMER 2026**



School of  
Environmental Studies



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# Our UG Team - Here to Help

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## **Ryan Hilperts: UG Advisor and Assistant Teaching Professor**

Email: [esadvise@uvic.ca](mailto:esadvise@uvic.ca) for help with academic advising, course selection, degree planning, the Community Engagement option, and how field schools fit into your academic pathway.

## **Elizabeth England: UG Program Assistant**

Email [esoffice@uvic.ca](mailto:esoffice@uvic.ca) for help with registration support, timetable questions, field school registration logistics, course overrides, forms and general admin enquiries.



# 2026 Summer Field Schools

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## Application and Payment Timeline:

- February 1: Application deadline
- February 15: Notification of acceptance.
- March 1: 50% of non-refundable field course fee deposit to secure your seat.
- Due date for remainder of course fees depends upon each field school.
- **Field course fees are in addition to usual tuition fees** and help cover food, travel, and accommodation.

## Lorene Kennedy Field Course Awards:

- Helps cover the cost of field course fees by a significant amount.
- Available to full-time or part-time ES undergraduate declared majors, minors and graduate students, as well as students in the RNS Diploma Program.
- No application necessary. Reimbursement is after successful completion of the course.





### ES 473: Practical Permaculture Applications

- **May 7-May 16**
- **Cortes Island**
- **Hannah Roessler**
- **Fees: \$1600**

Explore the advanced practical study of permaculture principles in an intensive field-based setting at Linnaea Farm School on Cortes Island, BC.



### TCA 405: Allyship, Solidarity and Transforming Relations

- **May 11-May 15**
- **On Campus**
- **Sebastian Bonet**

Focuses on theory and practices to help us build alliances powerful enough to transform systems.



### ES 423: Traditional Land & Resource Management

- **May 18-May 22**
- **Around Victoria**
- **Loreisa Lepine**
- **Fees: \$120**

Explore the role of Traditional Ecological Knowledge in documenting and understanding the complexity of ecosystems.



### ES 371: Terroir Field School

- **May 27-June 25**
- **Angers, France**
- **John Volpe**
- **Fees: 2419 euros**

Travel to Angers France to explore the intricacies of terroir-driven food systems. Visit farms, businesses, and experts in regional and sustainable food production.



### ES 471/ER 412: Galiano field school

- **July 3-July 12**
- **Galiano Island**
- **Eric Higgs**
- **Fees: \$950**

Explore regenerative and restorative designs for ecological and social resilience on Galiano Island in partnership with the Galiano Conservancy Association.



### ES 482: Salmon Ecology and Policy on Vancouver Island

- **June 29 - July 8**
- **Tofino, Van Island**
- **Benjamin Neal**
- **Fees: \$1600**

Travel up Vancouver Island and meet with practitioners to explore the conservation situation of salmon and ways to address their decline.





## **ES 473: PRACTICAL PERMACULTURE APPLICATIONS**

Cortes Island, B.C.

May 7<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> (NOTE: travel to Cortes on May 7<sup>th</sup> arrive after 3pm, leave Linnaea Farm May 16<sup>th</sup> in the morning)

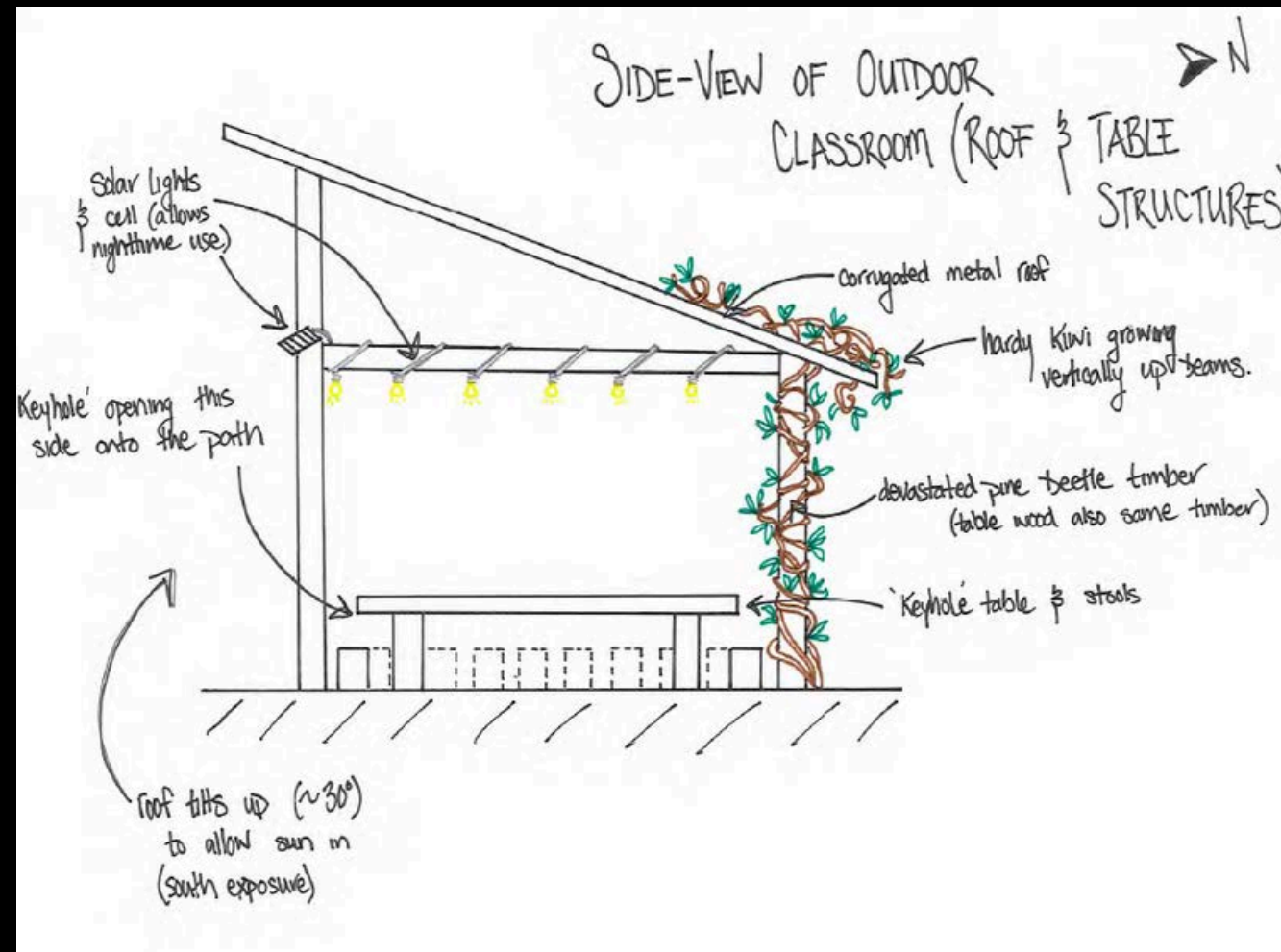
Fee: \$1600 (includes accommodation, farm-fresh lunches and dinners)

**Pre-requisite: Introduction to Permaculture Design (ES 433)**

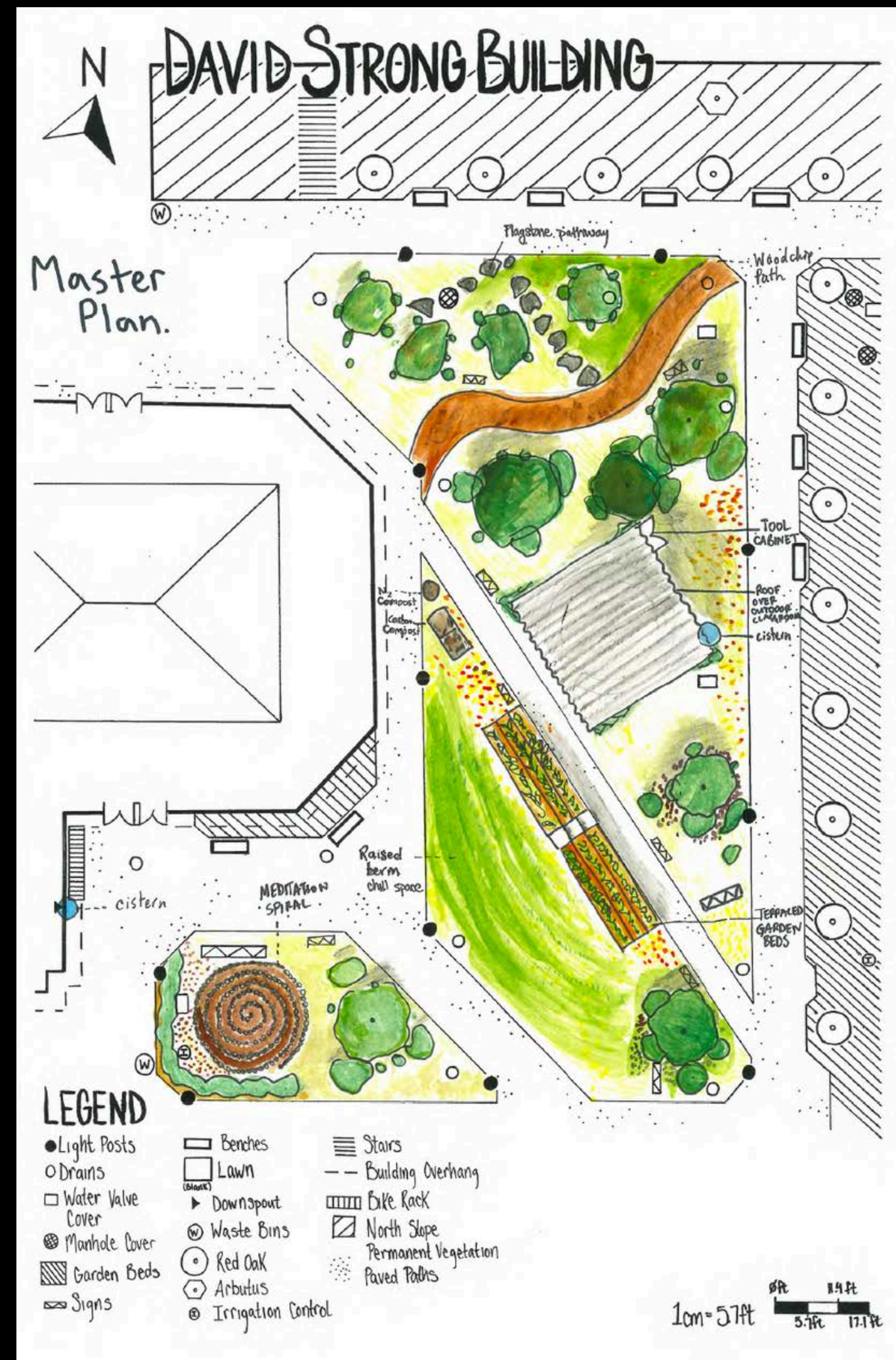


# Pre-requisite:

## Introduction to Permaculture Design ES 433



Designs (right and above) by previous ES 473 students: Ava Appleby, Suzannah Raudaschl, Thomas Cinnamon, Emily Fulton, Daniel Lanigan







Students and local organic farmer discussing soil structure and texture



Spending time with Old Growth in the Children's Forest





Cow whispering (learning about rotational grazing techniques for greater carbon sequestration, animal integrated farming)

Hungry students waiting for farm-fresh lunch

Ferments, vinegars, other food preservation techniques







Students who complete both ES 473 and  
ES 433 receive a Permaculture Design Certificate

Contact Instructor for more info:  
Hannah Roessler  
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# TCA 405 – Allyship, Solidarity and Transforming Relations

Dates: approx. May 11-15 | Location: on campus | Instructor: Sebastian Bonet

*Focuses on theory and practices to help us build alliances powerful enough to transform systems. Settler colonialism and capitalism have damaged relationships with land and with each other. As we seek to build strong alliances towards climate justice, we need to be unlearning white supremacy, hierarchy and dominance and learning to build trust, reciprocity, and accountability.*



# **ES 423 - May 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## **Traditional Systems of Land and Resource Management**

***With Loreisa Lepine and Drew Elves***

**Explore the role of Traditional Ecological Knowledge in documenting and understanding the complexity of ecosystems and the contributions of TEK and traditional land management to ecosystem maintenance and restoration. The course will also address how TEK and traditional land/resource management strategies can be incorporated into restoration projects, community-based research, and other work environments.**

**Fees \$125**

**Prereqs: ES 200 & ES 341**





# Traditional Systems of Land and Resource Management



*“This course for me was deeply impactful. Its grounding in community building, land-based learning, and local Indigenous Knowledge distinguished it from most courses I've taken in university. The structuring allowed me to embody learning and create meaningful relationships that continue to this day.”*



# **Terroir Field School**

**aka Value chains of terroir-driven food systems**

**May 27 – June 25 2026**

**ESA - Angers, France**

**ES 371 (3.0 units)**

**(prereq: successful completion of 1<sup>st</sup> yr)**





Guernsey  
Jersey

Luxembourg

Mannheim

Caen

Paris

St

Brest

Rennes

Strasbourg

Angers

Tours

Dijon

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Nantes

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Switzerland

La Rochelle

Geneva

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Lyon

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Bordeaux

Bay of Biscay





PARIS



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LOIRE VALLEY



BRITTANY



# Seat of the Plantagenet dynasty

*Built 800 – 1200*



















**over 120**  
YEARS OF EXPERIENCE



**2 800**  
STUDENTS,  
APPRENTICES AND  
INTERNS/WORK  
PLACEMENTS



**110**  
FRENCH AND  
INTERNATIONAL  
LECTURERS



**5**  
RESEARCH UNITS



# Teaching Objectives:

- i) Increase understanding of the many dimensions of value-creation in small to medium scale sustainable farming and food systems**
- ii) Train future experts in viable, sustainable regional and traditional food production systems**

Themes include ***agricultural sciences, food and wine sciences, history, anthropology, sociology, ecology, business and economics.***

Language of Instruction: English







Chateau Saumur







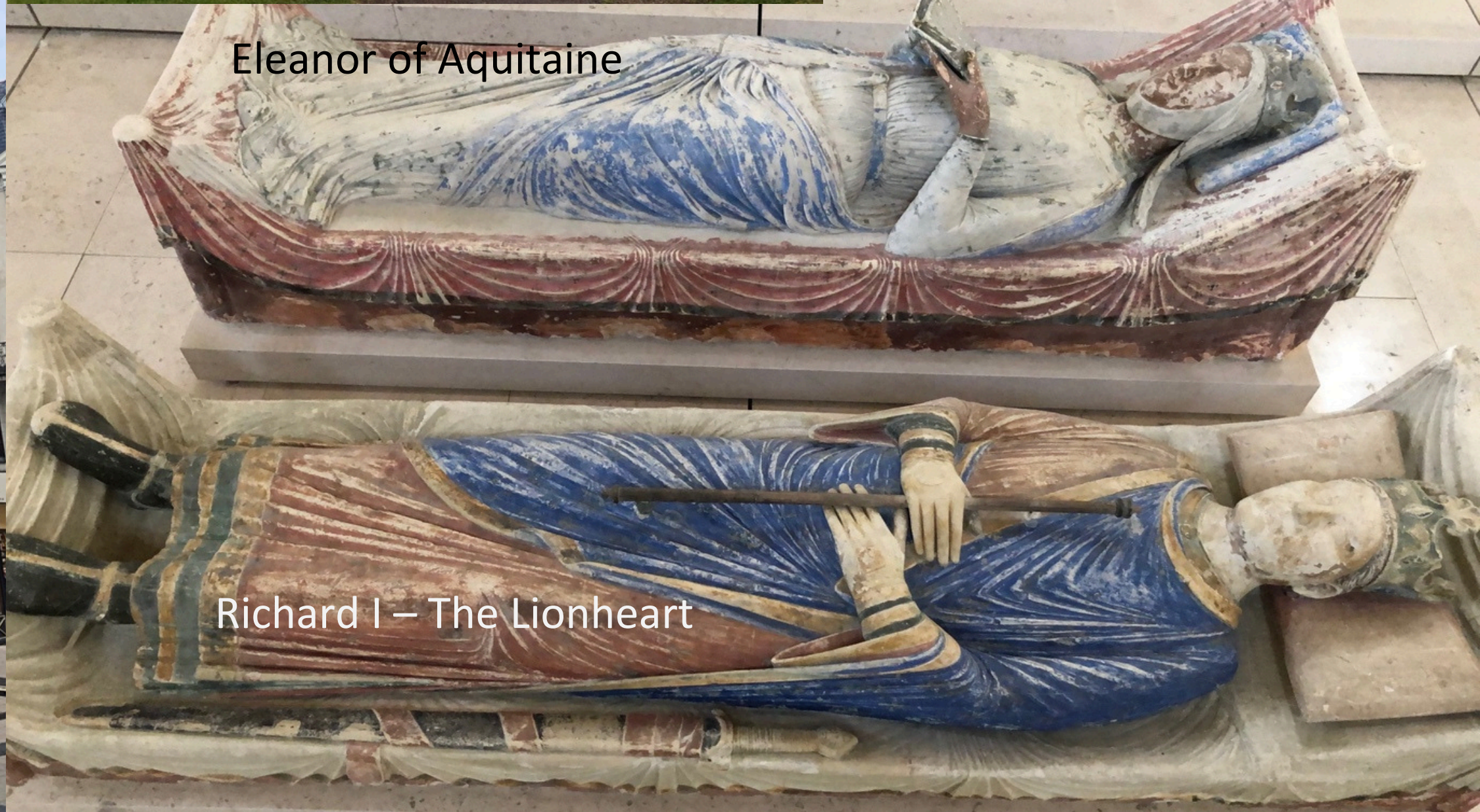
Angers



Fauntevraud Abbey



Chateau de Brézé  
Kitchen



Eleanor of Aquitaine

Richard I – The Lionheart





Understanding the interactions of people and their



# Ferme du Champ Secret









# 2026 Summer Program

## Costs and conditions

### Fees

***For university partner network under exchange agreement:***

**2419 Euros**

**(~70% rebate for ES students)**

*Logistics cost (tuition fees are waived)*

This price covers the logistics costs:

- Accommodation in a host family in Angers (including breakfasts and dinners)
- Lunches in Angers from Monday to Friday,
- Accommodation and breakfasts in youth hostels during the cultural excursions (Paris, Loire Valley, Brittany),
- Health and liability insurances,
- 7 days of cultural excursions: 2 days in Paris, 2 days in the Loire Valley, 3 days in Normandy and Brittany
- Farm and company visits,
- Transportation in France (including the train ticket from Paris to Angers on Saturday, May 30, 2026).

The program does not include:

- Accommodation, food and transportation if you travel by yourself during weekends,
- lunches and dinners during the cultural excursions (Paris, Loire Valley, Normandy & Brittany)
- Passport fees,
- Airfare,
- The train ticket back to Paris at the end of the program.

The UVIC logo consists of the letters 'UVIC' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. A stylized rainbow-colored swoosh is positioned between the 'V' and the 'I'. Below the letters, the text '3.0 credits' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.



# More Information



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[Ecogastronomy.ca](http://Ecogastronomy.ca) > [About](#) > [Learn Abroad](#)



# **Galiano Field School**

## **ES 471/ER 412 Summer 2026**

### **July 3-12 (tentative)**





A group of students, mostly wearing blue shirts and backpacks, are gathered outdoors at the Millard Learning Centre on Galiano Island. They are standing on a grassy area with wooden structures and trees in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

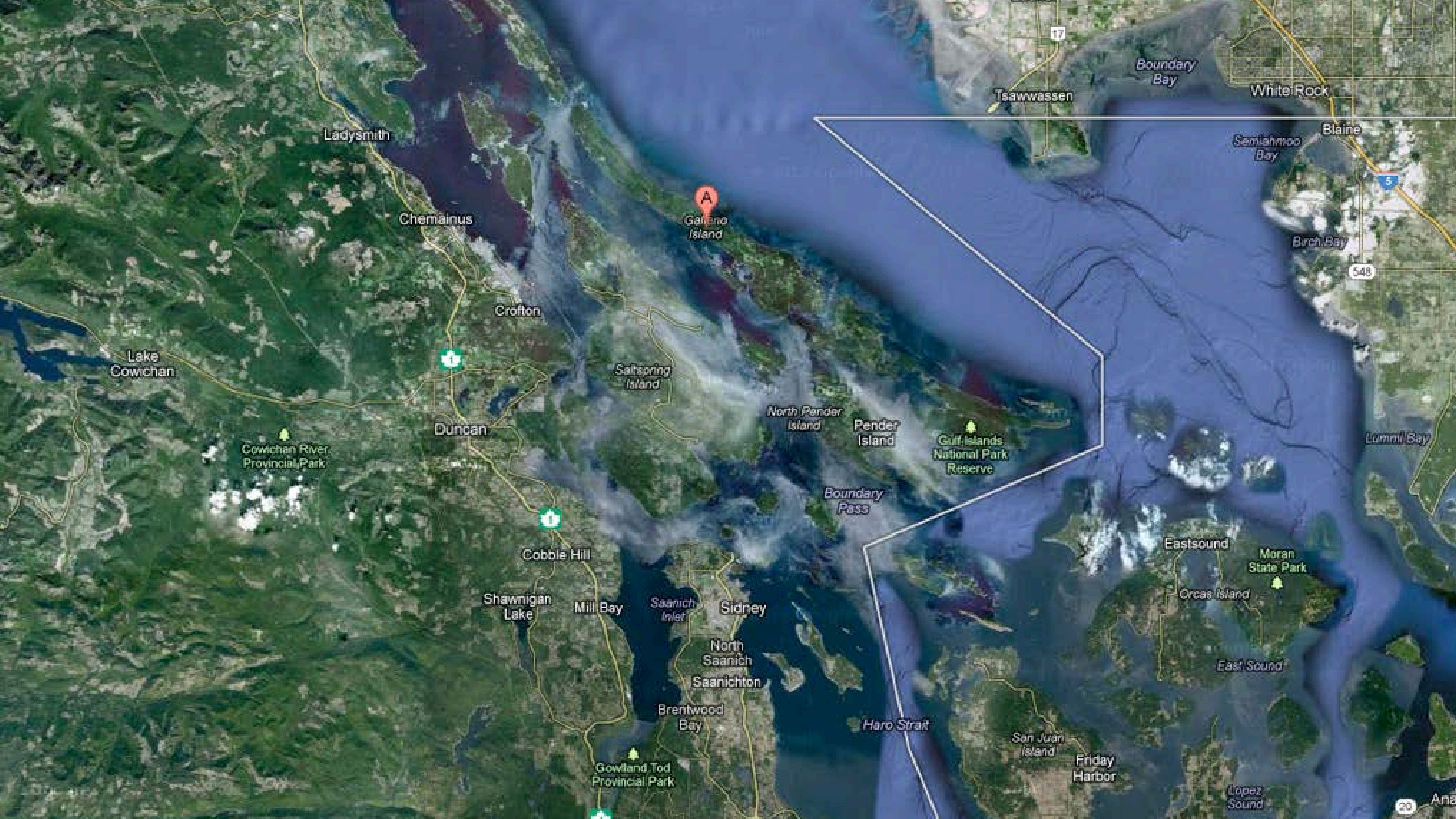
**For senior undergrad, RNS, and grad students**

**Regenerative and restorative designs  
for ecological and social resilience**

**Millard Learning Centre, Galiano Island  
In partnership with the Galiano Conservancy  
Association**

**ES 341 or ER 311 pre-requisite**

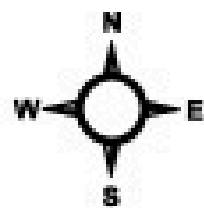




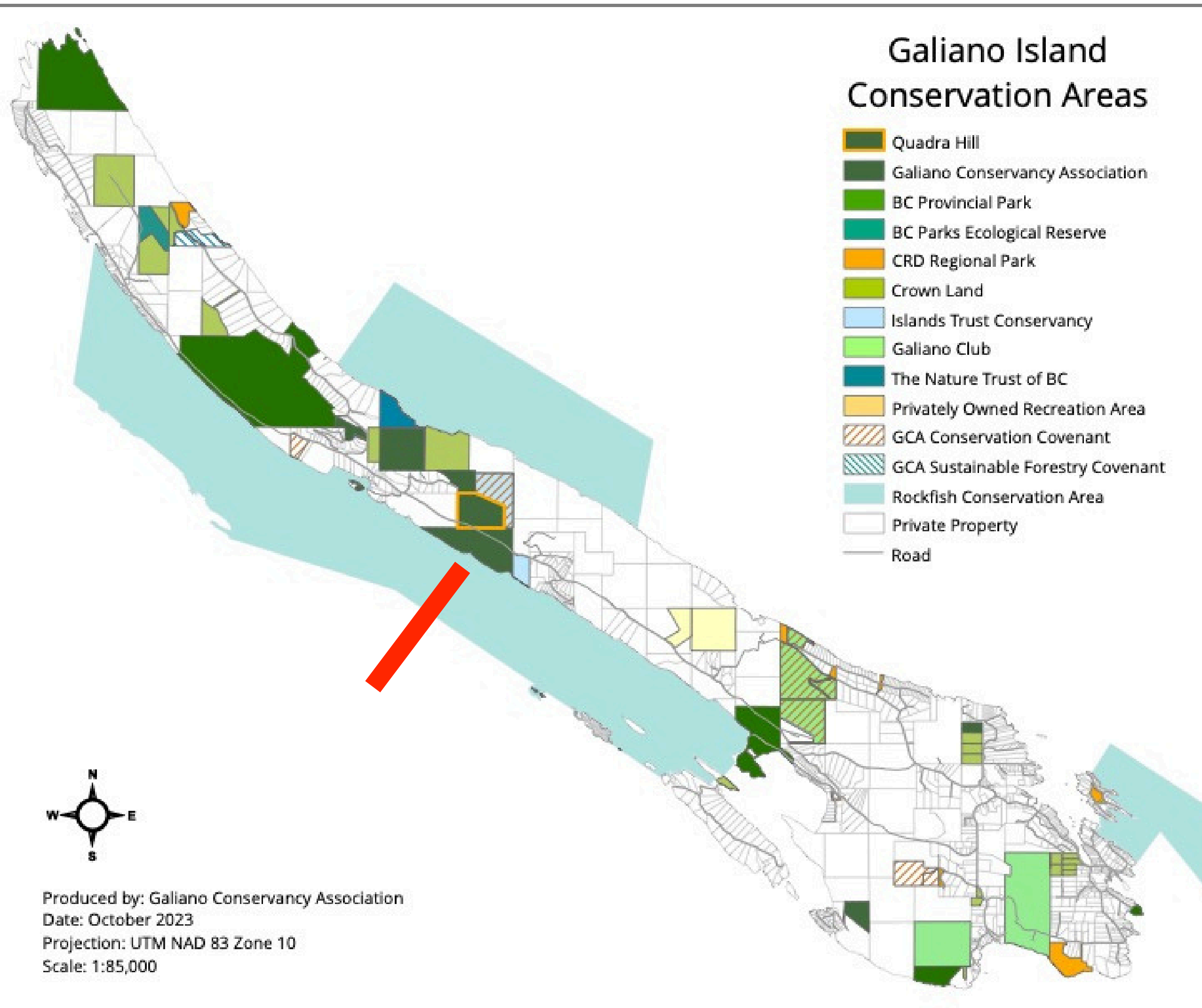


# Galiano Island Conservation Areas

- Quadra Hill
- Galiano Conservancy Association
- BC Provincial Park
- BC Parks Ecological Reserve
- CRD Regional Park
- Crown Land
- Islands Trust Conservancy
- Galiano Club
- The Nature Trust of BC
- Privately Owned Recreation Area
- GCA Conservation Covenant
- GCA Sustainable Forestry Covenant
- Rockfish Conservation Area
- Private Property
- Road



Produced by: Galiano Conservancy Association  
Date: October 2023  
Projection: UTM NAD 83 Zone 10  
Scale: 1:85,000



























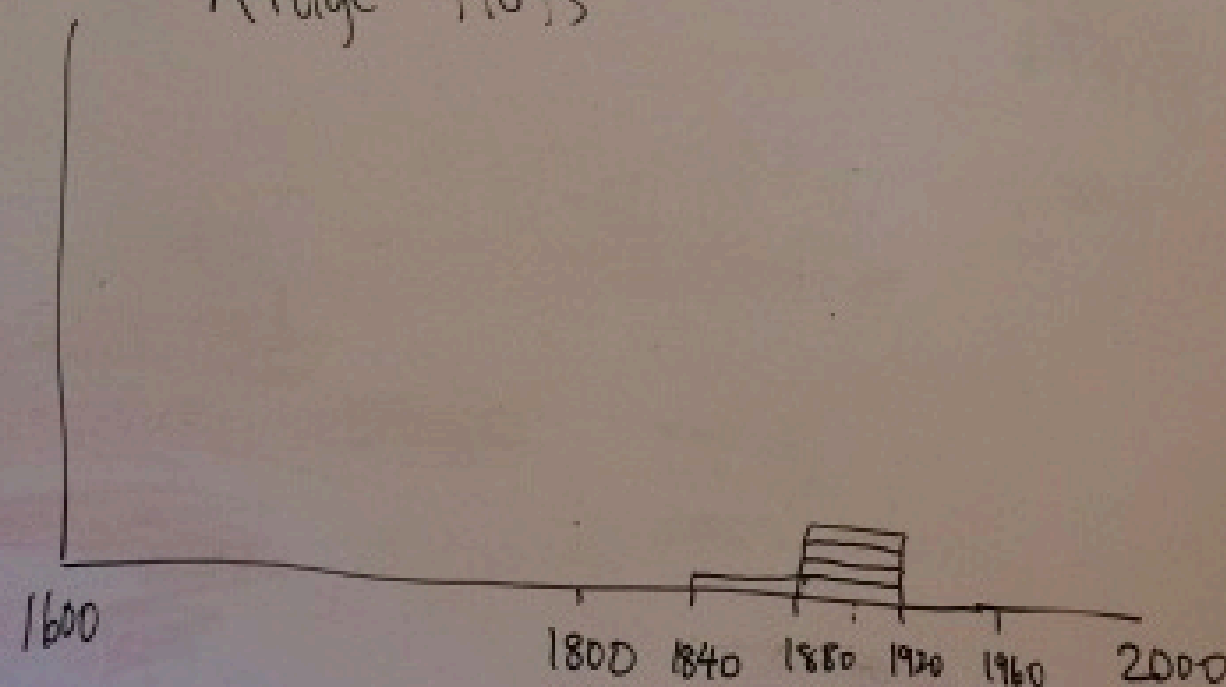






\* Enter Data here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2qtyh86>

## Ridge Plots



Health

% trees rot  
ole damage  
composition.

type  
(trees/m<sup>2</sup>)  
BtH





# WELCOME TO PEBBLE BEACH RESERVE



These areas have been preserved in order to preserve their unique ecological and cultural values while providing for low impact recreational use by the public.

**Public Beach Reserve**  
The 1300-acre Public Beach Reserve, designated for public use in 1988, is a unique landscape of natural beauty. It is a young plantation of native trees and shrubs, including Douglas fir, Sitka spruce, and western hemlock. The reserve is a natural laboratory for studying the effects of fire on forest regeneration. The reserve is a natural laboratory for studying the effects of fire on forest regeneration. The reserve is a natural laboratory for studying the effects of fire on forest regeneration.

**Great Beaver Swamp**  
William H. Hays, in the 1880s, was the first to describe the area as a "Great Beaver Swamp." The swamp is a natural laboratory for studying the effects of fire on forest regeneration. The swamp is a natural laboratory for studying the effects of fire on forest regeneration. The swamp is a natural laboratory for studying the effects of fire on forest regeneration.

**Langille Lake**  
Langille Lake is the largest body of water in the reserve. It is a natural laboratory for studying the effects of fire on forest regeneration. The lake is a natural laboratory for studying the effects of fire on forest regeneration. The lake is a natural laboratory for studying the effects of fire on forest regeneration.

**Please enjoy the trails, beaches, wildlife viewing and unique natural features.**  
The Pebble Beach Reserve is a natural laboratory for studying the effects of fire on forest regeneration. The reserve is a natural laboratory for studying the effects of fire on forest regeneration. The reserve is a natural laboratory for studying the effects of fire on forest regeneration.

**Use this area at your own risk.**  
No Camping No Fires No Hunting



# The basics.....

- July 3-12, 2026 (tentative)
- 9 days in the field; some advance reading and final assignment due soon after fieldwork
- Applications due by February 1st
- Email [ehiggs@uvic.ca](mailto:ehiggs@uvic.ca) with resumé, brief letter indicating your preparation and interests, and informal transcript in a single PDF
- Fee is \$950 (minus Lorene Kennedy Field Course Award)







# ES482: Salmon Ecology and Policy on Vancouver Island





# **Vancouver Island salmon are in trouble right now, with issues affecting both wild and cultured stocks**

Salmon are central to our local cultures, with essential ecological connections to many other species and systems, terrestrial and aquatic

But they are facing unprecedented ecological, epidemiological, and management issues:

- Wild stocks are experiencing historic declines right now
- Salmon farming faces mandated shutdowns from disease
- First Nations are resuming control of some wild stocks
- Habitat change has altered productivity of habitats
- Habitat restoration is beginning in some locations





Future conservation and management is very controversial,  
with local policies experiencing dramatic change right now. . . .

**We will explore this details of this compelling and contemporary transition...**

## Vancouver Island-area wild salmon continue to decline

By Undercurrent News Dec. 29, 2021 17:49 GMT



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Farmed salmon virus source, amplifies disease transmission in wild salmon: B.C. study



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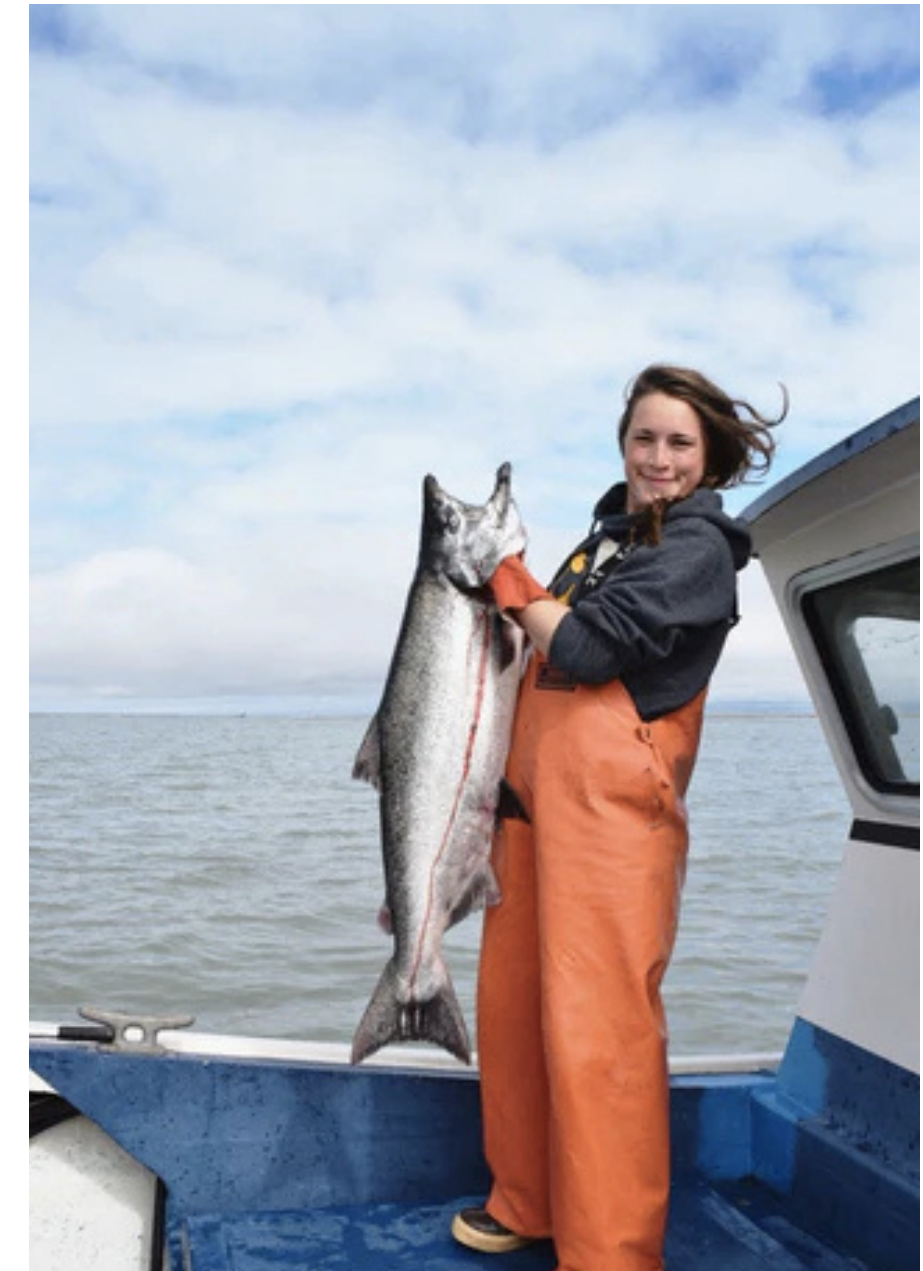
B.C. salmon could drastically decline due to extreme temperature events: UBC report



We will travel the the west side of the island and hear about this issue directly from a diverse selection of local fisheries and environmental stakeholders



Clayoquot  
Action.org



FOR THE LOVE OF WILD SALMON





On the way to visiting the Creative Salmon farm, Tofino













Image from the Tseshat FSC fishery on the Somas River in early July





DFO salmon monitoring equipment, Black Creek





Tranquil Creek, the largest salmon restoration site on Vancouver Island



# ES482: Salmon Ecology and Policy on Vancouver Island

*Dates and location: June 29 – July 8, Clayoquot Sound*  
*\$1600 course fee*



**QUESTIONS?**  
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# Possible field course: **Ocean Connected Communities Through Time**

Instructor: Loren McClenachan; Dates: June 15-26; Location: UVic; Cost estimate: \$500



**OCEANS PAST XI CONFERENCE:  
OCEAN-CONNECTED COMMUNITIES**

June 15-19, 2026  
University of Victoria British  
Columbia, Canada

Includes

- Participation in international conference on ocean history & sustainability
- Field visits to sites of ecological history and restoration in and around Victoria
- Engagement with historical research methods



# Thanks for joining us!

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See you next summer!



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