



University
of Victoria
Geography

Field Studies in Physical Geography:

[A01]: August 23-30, 2026

[A02]: August 30-Sept. 6, 2026

University of Victoria Department of Geography

Application Deadline: March 27th, 2026 by 4:00pm

Open to all UVic students of minimum 2nd year standing

Application Requirements

If you have any issues completing these application requirements, please email geoginfo@uvic.ca.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4:00pm on March 27th, 2026

To apply for this field school, please submit the following:

1. This completed **Application Form**
2. A signed **Field School Waiver Form**
3. Your **Personal Statement** (see below – one page maximum)

How to submit your application:

- By email to geography@uvic.ca. Emailed applications should contain “Physical Geography Field School Application” and your name in the subject line (e.g. “Physical Geography Field School Application – Dan Smith”). All attachments should be in PDF format only.

Students will be notified of acceptance by email early April. Students must reply to the acceptance offer by email to geography@uvic.ca

A \$1200 fee will be due at 4pm on April 16th to confirm your spot.

*The deposit fee can be paid via **cheque, money order, counter cheque, or cash ONLY**. Cheques should be made payable to the University of Victoria. Payment can be dropped off at the Geography main office (David Turpin Building, room B203), or mailed (cheque only). **DO NOT MAIL CASH** or send an e-transfer to tuition. See the Fees and Financial Support section of the Information Sheet for information about paying the remainder of the field school fees.

Personal Statement

We carefully assess each application. Keep this in mind as you complete the following on a separate, SINGLE page.

1. How will participation in this field school support your career or future academic goals?
2. Please list which of the [pre-requisite courses](#) you have completed, and letter grade received.
3. Please include your anticipated graduation date. (e.g. Fall 2027, Spring 2026, etc.)
4. Have you participated in any other field school(s) offered at UVic or another institution? If so, please list which.

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Personal Information	
First name:	
Last name:	
Preferred first name:	
Email address:	
Phone number:	
Date of birth:	

Educational Information	
Preferred field school section [A01/A02]:	
UVic student number:	
Program of study:	
Current degree type: (BA / BSc)	
Current year of study:	

Emergency Contact	
First name:	
Last name:	
Relationship to you:	
Email address:	
Phone number:	

Secondary Emergency Contact	
First name:	
Last name:	
Relationship to you:	
Email address:	
Phone number:	

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Medical Information

Family doctor/ Medical clinic (name and phone):	
Personal health number:	
Have you received a tetanus shot within the last 5 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Medical conditions/ prescriptions:	
How would you rate your physical fitness? This field school involves sometimes demanding outdoor activities.	
Allergies:	
Dietary requirements/ restrictions:	

Refund Policy for Field Schools

Once acceptance to the field school and payment of course fee is confirmed, there are no refunds of course fees thereafter. Note that the **refund policy** applies equally to:

- Students who have accepted a place in the Field School and decide not to go
- Students who begin participation in the Field School and decide to return home early

Before the Field School participants depart, course fees would only be returned upon withdrawal as long as a replacement can be found. Payments will be returned less any costs that have been paid for accommodation or other expenses for the Field School. **Field school cancellation would result in a full refund.**

Extenuating circumstances would allow for a refund of field course fees. These extenuating circumstances:

- **Do include:** proof of a personal, family, or medical emergency submitted with a written request for the refund including supporting documentation from appropriate professionals (such as doctors and/or counselors).
- **Do not include:** inability to raise sufficient funds by the payment deadline, or early return due to culture shock, homesickness, legal or academic discipline, criminal activity, or other external events in the outside community that are beyond the control of the UVic Field School.

_____ (applicant initial here)

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Photographic Permissions

I understand that while I am on this field school, photographs may be taken of me (group and/or individual). These photos may be used by the University of Victoria and/or the Department of Geography as promotional material. I understand that if I do not wish photographs of myself to be used in this manner, it is my responsibility to let the Field School Instructor know.

_____ (applicant initial here)

General Consent/ Permission

I, _____ (name of applicant), understand that the Physical Geography Field School (GEOG 477) program offered by the Department of Geography at the University of Victoria may expose participants to elements of risk. I also acknowledge that accidents may occur while participating in the program and can be a result of the nature of the activity and can occur without fault on either the part of the participant or the University of Victoria. I am aware that the Geography Department will take necessary and appropriate safety precautions and will attempt to minimize any associated risks. Accidents, however, may cause loss of personal property, injury or even death. As a registered participant, I accept the risk of an accident occurring.

Examples of the types of hazards to which I may be exposed while participating include, but are not limited to:

- **TERRAIN:** any manner of injury resulting from falls on or from steep, slippery, or uneven terrains. Injury or death may be caused by, but not limited to, making contact with rocks, trees, obstructions and other participants, visible or non-visible.
- **WEATHER:** injury or illness resulting from exposure to heat, cold, sunlight, or winds.
- **ANIMALS:** Injury resulting from interaction with wildlife.
- **HEALTH RISKS:** I will follow all health recommendations made by the course instructors. I am responsible for ensuring that I take serious precautions to avoid health problems. For instance, I will ensure that I am adequately hydrated with safe water. In case I need to consult a doctor and/or dentist, I understand that I may have to pay the fees associated with such a visit i.e., boat and vehicle transportation.
- **HAZARDS OF TRAVEL:** injury resulting from plane or boat transport, hiking over unstable logs and rocks, etc.
- **OTHER HAZARDS:** those not explicitly identified above. For instance, sexual harassment and other forms of harassment will not be tolerated.

_____ (applicant initial here)

Declaration

I wish to participate in the Physical Geography Field School at UVic. I have read and signed or initialled all of the required sections of this application form and the accompanying liability waiver.

Participant name (print clearly):	Date:
Participant Signature:	
Witness name (print clearly):	Date:
Witness Signature:	