

Europe Sustainability Field School:

May 7th- June 11th, 2026

University of Victoria Department of Geography

Application Deadline: Thurs, November 27th, 2025 by 4:00pm

All UVic students able to take 300-level courses are welcome to apply

Application Requirements

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4:00pm on November 27th, 2025

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

1. Completed **Application Form**
2. **Statement of Goals and Rationale** and **Statement of Travel Experience** (see instructions below)
3. A signed **Field School Waiver Form** (appended to the end of this application)
4. **Current Résumé** highlighting your various academic and other experiences (2 pages maximum)
5. **Deposit Fee \$1000**

The field school **program fee** is **\$4000**. This fee does not include tuition (paid separately to the registrar), airfare (to ensure student flexibility with travel arrangements) and some other personal expenses. A **\$1000 deposit fee is due at the time of application (November 27th), while the balance of \$3000 is due by February 12th**.

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**. See the Fees and Financial Support section of the Information Sheet for information about paying the remainder of the field school fees.

Mailing address:

Department of Geography
University of Victoria
PO Box 1700 STN CSC
Victoria, BC V8W 2Y2C Canada

Ways to submit your application:

- By email to geography@uvic.ca. Emailed applications should contain "Europe Field School" and your name in the subject line (e.g. "Europe Field School – Jane Smith"). All attachments should be in PDF format only.
- OR in person or by courier to the Geography main office, room B203 in the David Turpin building

Students will be notified of acceptance by email shortly after the November 27th deadline. Students must accept the offer by email or in person.

Refund Policy

The \$1000 deposit will be refunded to the student in full if they are not accepted to the program or decide not to participate in the program before February 12th.

After February 12th, if a student opts not to participate in the program, we cannot guarantee a refund. If a replacement cannot be found, we will retain the \$1,000 deposit and potentially additional amounts. This is because we are required to pay for certain expenses, such as accommodation and transportation, in advance, and these payments may not be refundable by the vendors.

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Statements

We carefully assess each application and may follow up for additional information. Keep this in mind as you complete the following.

STATEMENT OF GOALS AND RATIONALE (250-500 words):

On a separate page, briefly outline your goals for participating in this field school and explain why you feel you are a good fit for this program.

STATEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPERIENCE (250-500 words):

On a separate page, please briefly discuss your travel experience, including highlights, places that you have visited, and the length of the trip(s). While an enjoyable experience, group travel study can be challenging. Explain why you think you would be a good traveller and positively contribute to the group experience.

Personal Information

First name:	
Last name:	
Preferred first name and pronouns:	
Email address:	
Phone number:	
Date of birth & age you will be at the start of the program May 7, '26	
Citizenship: (list all, if applicable)	
If you are not a citizen of Canada, do you have Permanent Residency?	
How did you hear about this field school? (be specific)	

Educational Information

UVic student number:	
Program of study:	
Current degree type: (BA / BSc)	
Current year of study:	

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Emergency Contact	
First name:	
Last name:	
Relationship to you:	
Email address:	
Phone number:	
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="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Medical conditions/ prescriptions:	
How would you rate your physical fitness? While we seek to accommodate a wide range of students, the field school involves extensive walking and cycling.	
Allergies:	
Dietary requirements/ restrictions:	

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Refund Policy for Field Schools

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

If an applicant is not accepted into the Field School, or an applicant is offered a place in the Field School and declines the offer the \$1000 deposit will be returned in its entirety.

Otherwise, after February 12th (when the balance owing is due), if you are no longer able to participate in the program, we cannot guarantee a refund. If we cannot find someone to take your place, we will retain the \$1,000 deposit and potentially additional amounts. This is because we are required to pay for certain expenses, such as accommodation and transportation, in advance, and these payments may not be refundable by the vendors.

_____ (applicant initial here)

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)

COVID – 19 Compliance

The Canadian government has the following information relating to international travel and COVID: <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notice/513>. Furthermore, each of the countries we are traveling to have their own entry requirements (see: <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>). Students must confirm that they are eligible to travel under the current rules and can comply with preventative measures and restrictions in host countries.

I have reviewed this travel-health information and am able to confirm I am eligible to travel under current rules. I also understand that travel requirements in Canada and the countries I am visiting may change and that I may be asked to confirm my eligibility for international travel closer to the date of departure.

_____ (applicant initial here)