Indigenous Knowledge, Science, and Resource Management Field School: Online May 03-13, 2021

University of Victoria Department of Geography & QQS Projects Society

General Information

Are you interested in immersing yourself in an intensive and culturally-grounded online 'field' school that aims to provide an experiential learning environment? The *Indigenous Knowledge, Science and Resource Management Field School* (GEOG 453) runs from May 3-13, 2021. The class is offered in partnership with the QQS Projects Society, a Heiltsuk First Nation not-for-profit organization that works in service of Youth, Culture, and Environment. Course Instructors are Jess Housty of QQS and Chris Darimont of UVic Geography. Applications close March 31, 2021.

Eligibility

We expect more applicants than the ~15 positions available. Accordingly, we list the following eligibility information:

- Students typically have third or fourth year standing, given that this field school is designed primarily as a 'capstone' experience for senior students.
- The selection committee also encourages applications from students from Indigenous Nations of the west coast (and beyond), and will consider a variety of factors, including course, life, and work experience. Note that this course offers the Ed Martin Memorial Field School Award. Created for this course, this fellowship provides full tuition coverage for self-identifying Indigenous students. Note that this fellowship requires a separate application from the field school itself, also due on March 31, 2021.
- The course application asks applicants to answer several questions, which allows us to assess the fit of each applicant and what they could contribute to the learning and community-engaged experience. In particular, we are looking for applicants who can commit to being fully present and engaged in online interactions with Instructors, one another and our valued guests (Knowledge Holders and scientists).

Application Requirements

Please see the Application Form for all application instructions and requirements. Due March 31, 2021.

If you have any further questions after reading the information in this package, please email geoginfo@uvic.ca.

Courses

The course is worth 1.5 credits. Successful applicants will be registered in this course through special registration by the Department of Geography (*students will not register themselves*). Successful applicants from other institutions must first register at UVic as a visiting student, and work with their program advisors at home institutions towards transferring credit.

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Pre-requisite: GEOG 353 or equivalent
Instructor: Chris Darimont and Jess Housty
May 3-13, 2021 online

Overview:
This online equivalent of a land-based educational experience weaves together Indigenous Knowledge and science in the context of natural resource use and management. Designed to be highly experiential, even when delivered online, the course gives students time and opportunities to interact with the natural and cultural features of their local environments. The course will feature online interactions with Indigenous Knowledge Holders, scientists and others from the Heiltsuk community of Bella Bella and beyond.

KEY THEMES: Natural resource use and management, Indigenous Knowledge, governance, science, wildlife, plants

Fees and Financial Support

Fees:

There are no extra field school fees for this course. Tuition reflects a regular 1.5 unit course at UVic.

Financial Support:

Self-identified Indigenous students may apply for the Edward Martin Field School Award, a special fund set up for this field school. For more information and a link to the application, please see Geog 453 field school webpage.