



Karst Geomorphology Field School:

August 30 – September 5, 2021

University of Victoria Department of Geography

General Information

Karst refers to the landscapes and underground systems that form due to dissolution of soluble rocks via chemical weathering. This course has been designed to introduce students to the abundant karst landscapes on Vancouver Island. We will examine how karst forms, and the geomorphology, hydrology, geology, and biogeography of two specific karst landscapes in differing geologic units to compare formation processes. We will also examine karst conservation topics, with the final deliverable being an environmental management plan for a local karst unit.

This class will involve exploration of cave systems, and therefore students must be comfortable in tight (underground) spaces.

This course will be supported by members of the UVic Caving Club.

Eligibility

We expect many more applicants than the 12 positions available. Accordingly, we list the following eligibility information:

- Students must have second-year standing.
- Preference will be given to students who have completed GEOG 276 (Introduction to Geomorphology).
- This field school is primarily outdoors, and will be physically demanding. Applicants must mention if they have any accessibility needs that may affect their ability to participate in these activities.
- Must be a UVic student. Non-Geography students are invited to apply.
- Applications will be evaluated and accepted in the order in which they are received. Apply early.

Application Requirements

Please see the Application Form for all application instructions and requirements.

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

Courses

This field school is comprised of one course 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*).

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Geography 391 – Topics in Geography: Karst Geomorphology

Instructor: Gillian Krezoski

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You must be available to travel and be on campus for the start of the class on August 30th, 2021, at 8:30 am. There will also be infrequent meetings through September and October, with final deliverables due in late November.

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Fees and Financial Support

Fees:

For field schools, students pay regular UVic tuition **plus field school fees** (see below).

Field school fees can be paid by **cheque, money order, counter cheque, or cash ONLY**. Cheques should be made payable to the University of Victoria. Payment can be dropped off in the Geography office drop box (David Turpin Building, in the hallway beside room B203), or mailed (cheque only). **DO NOT MAIL CASH**. If you leave a deposit in the drop box, please send an email to geoginfo@uvic.ca to let us know.

Field school fees:

- **\$100 deposit** paid at time of application, plus:
- **\$300** paid upon acceptance (no later than **August 16th 2021**)

Field school fees include:

- Accommodation (booked campsites) from August 30 – September 5, 2021
- Group meals (Aug 31 – Sept 5)
- Guided Horne Lake Cave Tour
- UVic Caving Club equipment rental and guides
- Transport to/from field site

Field school fees do not include:

- Tuition
- Some excluded dinner/lunch meals while in transit (~4-5 meals; mostly A&W stops since they offer vegetarian options)
- Other expenses such as any personal gear (e.g., tents, sleeping bags and mattress pads, day packs, light wet suits, etc.) required/recommended for the course (equipment list provided upon acceptance into field school)

Financial Support:

We strongly encourage students to apply for the [Social Sciences Field Course Support Fund](#) if they have financial need. These funds are distributed according to demonstrated financial need and the fit of the field course(s) to your career development. These funds can help pay for the field course fees (but not tuition). Email soscassist@uvic.ca for more details.

***PLEASE NOTE*: Students applying for field school funding support must do so within 1 week of being accepted.**