Urban Europe Field School 2017

We will be accepting applications for the Urban Europe Field School. The program runs from May 9th to Jun 13th, 2017 and is open to all UVic students able to take a 300-level Geography course. Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive credit for three courses:

1. Geog 388: Regional Studies: Europe
2. Geog 391: Sustainable Cities
3. Geog 391: Connecting Communities

Apply by Friday, Dec. 2nd with $500 deposit to ensure a spot. Applications will be made available online at the UVic Geography website.

Contact

Course instructor: Cam Owens camo@uvic.ca

For administrative details contact: Jeremy Bubiak geoginfo@uvic.ca 250 721-7326

“Out of the classroom and into the world”

Geography field schools provide unique transformative learning opportunities for UVic students. The benefits of getting out of the classroom to learn in the field cannot be overestimated, in terms of personal growth, expanded worldview, and career path. This summer the Urban Europe Field School will travel through Europe from Paris to Copenhagen. En route we will meet with community activists, urban planners, scholars and other engaged individuals, learning about various dimensions of Europe’s human geography and particularly the challenges and opportunities for building economically, socially, and ecologically resilient cities.

We will travel by train, bus, bike, and local transit to various sites. Hostel or equivalent affordable accommodation will be arranged. Most days will involve structured activities (e.g. guided field trips, hands-on activities, workshops, discussions) with some time available for individual exploration and group reflection. The field school commences on Monday, May 9th with classes and field trips planned for the Victoria region. Students will then fly to Paris, where the travel component begins in earnest on Wednesday, May 18th and wraps up in Copenhagen, on Monday, June 15th.
Tentative Itinerary (2017)

1. Victoria, BC (May 9-13)  
2. Paris, France (May 17-22)  
3. Bruges, Belgium (May 23-25)  
4. Rotterdam, Neth (May 26-29)  
5. Amsterdam, Neth (May 30- June 3)  
6. Hamburg, Germany (June 4-7)  
7. Copenhagen, Denmark (June 8-13)

Field School Topics

A variety of topics pertinent to understanding Western Europe’s regional geography and urban planning / sustainability will be explored including:

- Green Building
- Place-making
- Active Transportation
- Regenerative Design
- Architecture
- City Planning
- EU History, Integration & Challenges
- Immigration & Backlash
- Housing & Homefulness
- Urban Agriculture
- Alternative Economies
- Environmental Education
- Urban Ecology
- Community Building
- Comparative Politics / Cultural Studies

Program Fee

A program fee (beyond tuition) of $2800 will be levied which covers: accommodation, ground transportation (train / transit), activity costs (e.g. entry admissions, guide and workshop fees, presenters’ fees, some meals) and an emergency contingency fee.

The fee does not cover: tuition for the three courses, flights (which you will arrange yourself), most meals / entertainment, and travel insurance (if you are not covered by UVSS).
Application for Urban Europe Field School Summer 2016
University of Victoria – Department of Geography

Application Deadline: December 2, 2016

**General Information**

All course requirements are designed to ensure that students remain focused and engaged in the learning experience at all times. While a rewarding and exciting experience, students should be aware that field schools are also a demanding experience.

To apply for the 2016 Cascadia Sustainability Field School program, download and complete all of the information on the application form.

Please submit your completed and signed application by Dec 2, 2016 (by 4 pm) in person to the geography main office, room B203 in David Turpin Building or by mail to Cascadia Field School, Department of Geography, P.O. Box 3060 Stn CSC, Victoria, BC V8W 3R4. Applications must include a current resumé and the deposit fee.

A $500.00 deposit due at the time of application can be paid by cheque made payable to the University of Victoria and dropped off at the Geography main office, DTB room B203. The remainder of the Field School Fee ($2,300) is due by February 5, 2017. (Those not accepted to the Field School will have their deposit refunded.)

We will continue to accept applications after the deadline only if space is available.

Students must have completed their first year of studies and be able to take 300-level Geography courses or request special permission from the field school instructor – Cam Owens (camo@uvic.ca).

Further questions surrounding the itinerary and academic components should be addressed to Cam (camo@uvic.ca). Questions about the application and administrative details should be addressed to geoginfo@uvic.ca

**Personal Information**

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Phone Number

Citizenship (List All)

Date of Birth (Age)

How did you find out about this field school?

If not a Canadian citizen, are you a permanent resident of Canada?
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**Educational Information**

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**Travel Information/ Experience**

On a separate page, please provide a brief discussion of your travel experience, including countries visited and length of trip(s).

**Goals & Rationale**

On a separate page, briefly outline your goals for participating in this field school and a rationale explaining why we should approve your application (250-500 words).

**Other Expenses**

The program fee is $2,800 which includes: accommodation (including some breakfasts), ground transportation, local transit, activity costs (e.g. entry admissions, guide and workshop fees, presenters’ fees, some meals) and an emergency contingency fee. It does not cover: tuition, airfare, most meals, entertainment, travel insurance (if you are not covered by the UVSS plan).
# Refund Policy for Field School

Note that the refund policy applies equally to:

- students who apply for the Field School and decide not to go
- students who begin participation in the Field School and decide to return home early

Field School applications must be accompanied by a $500.00 deposit.

- If an applicant is not accepted into the Field School, the deposit will be returned in its entirety. Otherwise, the deposit is not refundable.
- Extenuating circumstances that would allow for a full refund would include proof of a personal, family or medical emergency submitted with a written request for the refund including supporting documentation.
- An inability to raise sufficient funds for participation cannot be seen as an emergency.
- Once additional payments have been made, and before the Field School participants depart, these payments (over and above the deposit) will be returned upon withdrawal for valid reasons - valid reasons would include proof of a personal or family medical emergency. These payments will be returned less any costs that have been paid for train tickets, accommodation, or other expenses for the Field School.
- Once additional payments have been made, and after the participants have departed for the international destination, payments (over and above the deposit) that can feasibly be refunded to the University will be returned upon withdrawal for valid reasons; these might include a personal or family medical emergency or early return due to a serious illness. These reasons do not include early return due to culture shock, homesickness, legal or academic discipline, criminal activity, or external events in the outside community that are beyond the control of the UVic Field School.

Signed this ________ day of ____________, 20_______

Participant name (print clearly)______________________________

Participant Signature ________________________________

Witness name (print clearly)______________________________

Witness Signature ________________________________

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# Declaration

I wish to participate in the 2016 Cascadia Sustainability Field School at UVic. I have read and signed the waiver, understand the requirements to have a passport valid until six months after my departure date, and will obtain medical and travel insurance prior to departure.

| Signature: | Date: |
WARNING: BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT (THE “WAIVER”) YOU WILL ASSUME CERTAIN PHYSICAL OR LEGAL RISKS. YOU WILL ALSO WAIVE SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE RIGHT TO SUE THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA AND EACH OF ITS GOVERNORS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS, CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS ANDAssigns (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE “RELEASEES”), EVEN WHERE ONE OR MORE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS IS NEGLIGENT. PLEASE READ ALL PAGES CAREFULLY!

Name of Participant: ________________________________

Address of Participant: ________________________________

Preamble

The University of Victoria – 2016 Cascadia Sustainability Field School is an exceptional opportunity, but it is not without certain risks, dangers and hazards to all Participants. These include, but are not limited to: delay or inconvenience, program cancellation or curtailment, increased risk to health, the loss of personal property, injury and even death.

All persons taking part in the Program are required to accept these and other risks as a condition of their participation. The University of Victoria will not accept any liability for injury, loss, damage or expense sustained as a result of any person’s participation in the Program.

The Statement of Risks set forth below is intended to enable Participants to better understand and accept the various risks involved in the Program. All Program applicants will be required to sign the Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement set forth below, which will release the University of Victoria and each of its governors, officers, agents, employees, students, contractors, subcontractors, representatives, successors and assigns (collectively referred to as the “Releasees”), from any claims which might arise as a result of the applicant’s participation in the Program.

Statement of Risks

The Program involves the risks inherent in international travel. These include, but are not limited to: poor road and transportation systems, limited or poor access to health care professionals or facilities, exposure to wildlife, and standards of criminal justice which vary from Canadian standards, all of which may result in increased risks to the Participant’s health, damage to or loss of the Participant’s property, injury of the Participant or even death.

Participants in the Program will be using the services of independent travel agents and airlines. The Releasees do not accept responsibility for the conduct of these independent agencies. It is always possible that the Program may not be completed or individual activities may be curtailed or cancelled. Reasons for curtailment or cancellation may include, but are not limited to: weather, illness, political disturbances, civil unrest, war, transportation
problems, failure to perform on the part of travel agents or airlines, problems relating to customs, natural disaster, or other circumstances beyond the control of the Releasees.

It is the responsibility of each Participant in the Program to learn as much as possible about the risks of the venture, to weigh those risks against the advantages, and to decide whether or not to participate.

The Releasees accept no responsibility and assume no liability with respect to any academic, vocational, medical, or financial advice received by a Participant concerning the Cascadia Sustainability Field School.

_________________________(initial here)

I, ________________________________, am aware that the Program involves many risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to those referred to in the Preamble and the Statement of Risks set forth above. I am also aware that my participation in the Program is voluntary. I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards, and the possibility of delay or inconvenience, Program cancellation or curtailment, the loss of, or damage to, personal property, injury to my health, bodily injury and even death.

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement

IN CONSIDERATION of the Releasees allowing me to participate in the Program, and as a condition of my participation in the Program, and for other good and valuable consideration (the receipt and sufficiency of which I acknowledge):

1. I WAIVE AND RELINQUISH ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, COSTS, DAMAGES, DEMANDS AND OBLIGATIONS of any kind or nature whatsoever, known or unknown, that I have or may in the future have against the Releasees resulting from my participation in the Program and arising from any cause whatsoever, including negligence, breach of contract, or breach or any statutory duty or other duty of care on the part of the Releasees.

2. I RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE the Releasees from and against any and all liability for any loss, expense, property damage, bodily injury or death that I may suffer as a result of my participation in the Program, or in any manner connected with, related to or as a consequence of my participation in the Program, due to any cause whatsoever, including any negligence, breach of contract, or breach of any statutory or other duty of care on the part of the Releasees.

3. I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY the Releasees from any and all liability for (a) any damage to the property of, or bodily injury to, any third party, resulting from my negligent or intentional act or omission while participating in the Program; and (b) from any and all non-scheduled or emergency expenses related to first aid or medical treatment or evacuation of myself in the event of an accident, injury or illness. I acknowledge that all expenses associated with non-schedules or emergency evacuation, rescue or first aid will be my responsibility and not paid by the Releasees.

4. I agree to abide by all local laws and regulations while participating in the Program, and to take responsibility for my own conduct, should I become liable to any person for any loss or damage which I have caused.

5. I agree that this Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my successors, assigns, heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and personal representatives.

6. I agree that this Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia. Any
action or dispute arising out of my participation in the Program shall be instituted or brought in the
Courts of the Province of British Columbia, and by signing and delivering this Agreement, I irrevocably
accept and submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts, and to all proceedings in such courts.

7. I represent, warrant and agree that, in executing and delivering this Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims,
Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement, I am not relying, and have not relied, upon any
representation, promise or statement made by the Releasees which is not recited or embodied in this
Agreement.

8. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY
SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF
KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND ASSIGNS MAY HAVE AGAINST
THE RELEASEES. IT HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO ME THAT THE RELEASEES WILL NOT PERMIT MY
PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM UNLESS I SIGN AND AGREE TO THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER
OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.

9. I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY AND HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO SEEK INDEPENDENT LEGAL
ADVICE PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT.

10. (IF THE PARTICIPANT IN THE PROGRAM IS LESS THAN 19 YEARS OF AGE, THE PARTICIPANT’S
GUARDIAN MUST SIGN ON THE PARTICIPANT’S BEHALF.) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A GUARDIAN OR
PARENT: I am the parent or guardian of the participant named above (the “Child”). I acknowledge that
both the Child and I have read this Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and
Indemnity Agreement. The Child and I understand, appreciate, freely accept and fully assume the risks,
dangers and hazards referred to in this Agreement. On my own behalf and on behalf of the Child, I
 covenant and agree not to sue or commence any legal proceedings against the Releasees is in law
responsible in respect of any loss, damage, injury or expense resulting from the said risks, dangers and
hazards. I hereby waive and any claims that I may now or in the future have against the Releasees or any
one for whom the Releasees is in law responsible. I hereby release the Releasees from any and all
liability, for any loss, damage or expense that the Child or I may sustain as a direct or indirect result of the
Child’s participation in the Program. I agree to indemnify and save the Releasees harmless from any all
liability for any property damage of, personal injury to, or death of the Child in the Program.

Signed this _______ day of __________________, 20____

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Signature of Participant or Guardian

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Name of Participant or Guardian (printed)

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Witness Signature

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Printed Name of Witness (aged 19 or older)

This Agreement must be completed in full, signed, dated, and witnessed and must be initialed where indicated
before the Participant may begin the Program.