



General Information

Are you interested in immersing yourself in an intensive, experiential, field-based field school on beautiful Flores Island? The Ahousaht Field School (formerly the Coastal Field School) is based in Ahousaht, within the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. This field school is comprised of 2 field courses (1 optional) that run from April 29 - May 14, 2019.

Eligibility

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

- Students must have third or fourth year standing
- This field school is designed primarily as a capstone experience for senior students, but the selection committee will consider other applicants based on a variety of factors, including course, life, and work experience.
- This field school will involve outdoor activities that will at times be physically demanding, such as hiking over rough or steep terrain. Applicants must mention if they have any accessibility needs that may affect their ability to participate in these activities.
- Finally, we ask 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.

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 geoginfo@uvic.ca.

Courses

Each course is worth 1.5 credits for a total of 3 credits. Students may choose to take one or both courses, however **preference will be given to students applying for both courses**. Successful applicants will be registered in these courses through special registration by the Department of Geography (*students will not register themselves*).

COURSE OVERVIEWS:

Geography 474 – Field Methods in Biogeography

Pre-requisite: GEOG 274 or equivalent

Instructor: Dave Duffus

Apr 29 - May 6

Overview: This course covers much about the biogeographical approach to marine studies. Theories and concepts of ecological studies are complemented with data collection, looking at methods to ensure accuracy and consistency. Long-term data sets and cutting edge research, specifically in the areas of predator driven system economics, predator-prey interactions, and underwater acoustics will provide the backdrop of the course material.

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Courses – Continued

Geography 491 – Whale Geography

Pre-requisite: GEOG 303 or equivalent

Instructor: Rianna Burnham

May 7 - 14

Overview: This course explores the concept of organism-centric biogeography, using whales as a case study. In turn, concepts of marine ecology and niche space will also be explored. Drawing on long-term data sets and recent research, the application of acoustics to ecology will be explored. This builds on a more traditional approach to biogeographical study, adding layers of understanding of habitat use of marine mammals.

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 David Duffus. Payment can be dropped off at the Geography main office (David Turpin Building room B203), or mailed (cheque only). **DO NOT MAIL CASH**.

Field school fees:

- **\$400** paid at time of acceptance
- **\$400** paid by **April 1st, 2019** (if taking both courses)

Field school fees include:

- All room and board for the duration of the program

Field school fees do not include:

- Tuition
- Transportation to and from Ahousaht
- Other expenses such as any personal gear (e.g. hiking shoes) required for the course.

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 sosccel@uvic.ca for more details.

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