

General Information

The Clayoquot Sound Field School is a semester-long field school based in Tofino within the world-famous Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. This field school is comprised of six intensive, experiential, field-based courses that run from January 3 to April 15 2018. Students must enroll in all six courses (with no exceptions). Additionally, student accommodation is at our on-site field station, the [Tofino Ecolodge](#) (with no exceptions). Students share rooms with one, two, or three others and have access to a common kitchen and living area. Students are responsible for their meals plus transportation to and from Tofino.

All course requirements are designed to ensure that students remain focused and engaged in the learning experience at all times. While rewarding and exciting, students should be aware that field schools are also a rigorous academic experience. One course (the term-long Community-engaged Conservation) consists of a mandatory internship experience in which students provide service to local not-for-profits, Indigenous Nations, businesses, townships, Parks Canada, etc.

We expect many more applicants than the 20 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.
- Note that multiple positions in this field school are being allocated to interested students from beyond UVic, and in particular those from Tla-o-qui-aht, Ucluelet, and Ahousaht Territories in which the field school experience occurs.
- Finally, we ask applicants to answer several questions, which allows us to assess the fit of each applicant and what s/he could contribute to the learning and community-engaged experience.

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

Courses

Students must register in **all six** of the classes below - most courses are 10 to 14 days each. Each course is worth 1.5 credits for a total of 9 credits. Successful applicants will be registered in these courses through special registration by the Department of Geography (*students will not register themselves*). **Applications for individual courses will not be accepted – this field school is a semester-long commitment.**

1. Geog 453 - Field Studies in Coastal and Marine Resources: Community-engaged conservation. Instructor: Dan Harrison
2. Geog 391 A05 - Coastal Planning. Instructor: Rosaline Canessa
3. Geog 391 A03 - Coastal Meteorology. Instructor: Shannon Fargey
4. Geog 339 - Disaster Management and Community Resilience. Instructor: Cam Owens
5. Geog 487 - Advanced Landscape Ecology: Rainforest ecology and management. Instructor: Andy MacKinnon
6. Geog 456 - Wildlife Conservation: Wildlife research in practice. Instructor: Chris Darimont

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Application Requirements

Application deadline: 4:00 pm on September 15th, 2017

Applications must include the following:

1. Completed **application and waiver package** (please check that you have signed the waiver)
2. Current **resume** (2 pages maximum)
3. 500 word **personal statement** (answer the questions outlined in the **Personal Statement and Goals** section)
4. **Unofficial transcripts**
5. Signed and completed **Community Living Agreement and Roommate Questionnaire**
6. **\$1000 deposit fee** (see the following information)

A **\$1000 deposit fee** is due **at the time of application** (those not accepted to the field school will have their deposit refunded). The deposit fee can be paid by **cheque, money order, counter cheque, or cash ONLY**. Cheques can 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 if it is in cheque form). See the Fees and Financial Support section for information about paying the remainder of the field school fees.

To be considered, please submit your application by the deadline, **4:00 pm on September 15th, 2017**, using one of the following methods:

- by email to geoginfo@uvic.ca. Emailed applications should contain "Clayoquot Sound Field School" and your name in the subject line (i.e., "Clayoquot Sound Field School – Jane Smith"). All attachments should be in PDF format only, and in **one single file**.
- OR in person to the Geography main office, room B203 in the David Turpin building,
- OR by mail to Clayoquot Sound Field School, Department of Geography, PO Box 3060 Stn CSC, Victoria, BC V8W 3R4.

Students will be notified of acceptance by email by **4:30 pm on September 22nd, 2017**.

Students must accept the offer by email or in person by **4:00 pm on September 28th, 2017**.

Personal Statement and Goals

We carefully assess each application. Keep this in mind as you complete the following. On a separate page, please briefly answer each question in relation to the field school and its courses (maximum 500 words):

1. What is your motivation to take a field course generally, and these ones in particular?
2. Why should we consider accepting your application? What will you contribute to this experience?
3. What do you see as your greatest strength in participating in this field school? What do you think your largest personal challenge will be?
4. What class dynamic (i.e., interaction among students and with instructors) would you want to experience?
5. Briefly mention related courses from Geography or other departments and schools and/or personal experiences which have prepared you to undertake this field school.

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Fees and Financial Support

For field schools, students pay regular UVic tuition (approximately \$3750 per semester – this differs for international students) plus **field school fees (see below)**.

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Field School Fees

- **\$1000 deposit** paid at time of application
- **\$2500** paid by **October 1st, 2017**
- **\$2500** paid by **December 15th, 2017**

Field school fees include:

- \$3000 for accommodation at the Ecolodge in Tofino from January 3 to April 15, 2018
- \$3000 for field course fees (\$500 per course)
 - Assistance with your internship placement
 - Boat and van charters
 - Teaching- and research-related equipment and materials
 - Compensation for guest lecturers and knowledge holders
 - Activities to build relationships with community leaders
 - Other field course expenses

Field school fees do not include:

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

Financial Support

For financial support, you can apply to the [Social Sciences Field Course Support Fund](#). **Apply by September 15th, 2017**. Ignore the application deadline on the application form as the deadline has been extended to September 15th for students in the Clayoquot Sound Field School. 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.

Additionally, at least three successful applicants who apply before the September 15th, 2017 application deadline from Tla-o-qui-aht, Ucluelet, and Ahousat First Nations will have tuition and field course fees waived.