



# Indigenous Knowledge, Science, and Resource Management Field School: Apr 29 – May 9, 2020

University of Victoria Department of Geography & QQS Projects Society

## General Information

Are you interested in immersing yourself in an intensive, experiential, field-based, and culturally-grounded field school in coastal BC? The Indigenous Knowledge, Science, and Resource Management Field School (a.k.a. “The University of Koeye”) is based in Bella Bella, Heiltsuk Territory, and the remote Koeye River Lodge. The class runs from May 4-12, 2019. 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.

### Eligibility

We expect many more applicants than the ~15 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. We are particularly interested in students from coastal Indigenous communities in the area (and offer fellowships to eligible applicants; please see below).
- 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](mailto: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 register at UVic as a visiting student, and work with their program advisors at home institutions towards transferring credit.

### COURSE OVERVIEW:

#### **Geography 453 – Field Studies in Coastal and Marine Resources**

*Pre-requisite: GEOG 353 or equivalent*

*Instructor: Chris Darimont and Jessie Housty*

*May 4-12*

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### Courses – Continued

*Overview:* This land-based educational experience weaves together Indigenous Knowledge and science in the context of natural resource use and management. Designed to be highly experiential, the course gives students time and opportunities in the Koeye watershed to interact with its natural features as well as with Knowledge Holders, scientists, and other community members.

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

### 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 at the Geography main office (David Turpin Building room B203), or mailed (cheque only). **DO NOT MAIL CASH.**

#### *Field school fees:*

- **\$100 deposit** paid at time of application
- **\$1000** paid by **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

#### *Field school fees include:*

- Room & board in Bella Bella and the Koeye River Lodge
- Water taxi and van charters
- Teaching- and research-related equipment and materials
- Compensation for guest lecturers and knowledge holders

#### *Field school fees do not include:*

- Tuition
- Travel to Bella Bella by ferry and from Port Hardy
- 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 [soscassist@uvic.ca](mailto:soscassist@uvic.ca) for more details.

Self-identified Indigenous students may apply for the [Edward Martin Field School Award](#), a special fund set up for this field school. Edward Martin was an Elder and Knowledge Holder who used to teach at Koeye River.

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