



Koeye Field School: Apr 30 – May 10, 2022

Indigenous Knowledge, Science, and Resource Management

University of Victoria Department of Geography & QQS Projects Society

General Information

****IMPORTANT NOTE**** This year's program has been adapted to a virtual/online format.

Are you interested in immersing yourself in an intensive, experiential, field-based, and culturally-grounded field school in coastal BC? The Koeye Field School (Indigenous Knowledge, Science, and Resource Management) is based at the remote Koeye River Lodge, Heiltsuk Territory. The class runs from April 30 - May 10, 2022. 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 Geography students, but the selection committee will consider other applicants at UVic and beyond 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, so that potential accommodations can be discussed.
- 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

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

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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).

There are no associated additional field school fees for this year, as the program will be in a virtual/online format.

Financial Support:

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 taught at the Koeye River. **Students should submit their application along with their field school application – by March 31st.**