General Information

The Northern Europe Sustainability Field School, running from May 4 to June 7, 2020 provides a unique experiential education opportunity for UVic students. The travel-study program focuses on innovation in urban sustainability and, more generally, cultural geography following an exciting itinerary through Northern Europe.

Geography field schools provide unique transformative learning opportunities. The benefits of getting out of the classroom to learn in the field cannot be overestimated and include: personal growth, expanded worldview, and enhanced career opportunities. Next summer, the 9th Annual Sustainability Field School will travel through Northern Europe visiting cities in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, and the Netherlands. En route, we will meet with activists, urban planners, scholars, and other engaged individuals who are grappling with the challenges of building economically, socially, and ecologically sustainable and resilient cities. We travel by train, bus, ferry, bike and local transit to various sites of interest. Hostel or equivalent affordable accommodation will be arranged. Most days will involve structured activities (e.g. guided field trips, hands-on workshops, discussions) with time available for individual exploration and group reflection.

Eligibility

We expect many more applicants than the 20 positions available. Accordingly, we list the following eligibility information:

- Students should have completed their first year of study and be able to register in 300-level Geography courses, or be granted special permission from the field school instructor: Cam Owens (camo@uvic.ca).
- Must be a UVic student. Non-Geography students are invited to apply.
- Priority will be given to students with interest in the subject matter - sustainable community development.

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

Students must register in both of the classes below. Each course is worth 1.5 credits for a total of 3.0 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.

COURSE OVERVIEWS:

Geography 388 – Regional Studies: Europe
Instructor: Cameron Owens
May 04 – June 26

Overview: This course, delivered as part of an off-campus travel study program, focuses on the regional geography of Europe attending in an engaging, experiential way to physical, historical, cultural, and political elements of the region. The course complements and must be taken in association with Geog 391 – Sustainable Communities.
Courses – Continued

Geography 391 – Sustainable Communities
Instructor: Cameron Owens
May 04 - June 26

Overview: This course, delivered as part of an off-campus travel study program, focuses on sustainable community development. Students will learn in an engaging, experiential format about efforts to address social, economic, and ecological concerns facing contemporary communities. The course complements and must be taken in association with Geog 388 – Regional Studies: Europe.

Tentative Itinerary

This itinerary should be taken as tentative and is subject to change:

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Students enjoying rooftop garden, B Building, Amsterdam, Neth.
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:
- $500 deposit paid at time of application
- $3250 paid by March 1st, 2020

Field school fees include:
- Accommodation from May 12 - June 7, 2020 (NOTE: Itinerary subject to change)
- Most breakfasts
- Activity costs (entry admissions, guide and workshop fees, presenters’ fees, some meals)
- Ground transportation
- Local transit
- Emergency contingency fund

Field school fees do not include:
- Tuition
- Airfare
- Most meals
- Travel insurance (check with your insurance provider to see if you are covered)
- Other expenses such as entertainment or 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 soscreception@uvic.ca for more details.

You may find other funding opportunities through UVic International.

*PLEASE NOTE*: Students applying for field school funding support must do so within 1 week of being accepted.