

Urban Europe Field School: May 06 – June 13, 2019

University of Victoria Department of Geography

Application Deadline Nov 30th 4pm, 2018

Europe Urban Sustainability Field School 2019 Application

General Information

The Europe Urban Sustainability Field School, running from May 6 to June 13, 2019, 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 Western Europe. The field school is open to UVic students who have completed their first year of studies and are able to take 300-level Geography courses or have requested special permission from the field school instructor – Cam Owens (camo@uvic.ca). Non-Geography students are invited to apply. Priority will be given to students with interest in the subject matter – sustainable community development.

Further questions surrounding the itinerary and academic components should be addressed to Cam (camo@uvic.ca). Questions about the application and administrative details should be addressed to geoginfo@uvic.ca

Courses

Students must register in **all three** of the classes below. Each course is worth 1.5 credits for a total of 4.5 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.**

1. Geog 388: Regional Studies: Europe
2. Geog 391: Sustainable Communities
3. Geog 391: Cultural Geography

Application Requirements

Application deadline: 4:00 pm on Nov 30, 2018

Applications must include the following:

1. Completed **application and waiver package** (please check that you have signed the waiver)
2. Current **resumé** highlighting your various experiences (2 pages maximum)
3. Statement of **travel experience** (see information on the following page)
4. Statement of **goals and rationale** (see information on the following page)
5. **\$500 deposit fee** (see the following information)

A **\$500 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 along with the deposit by the deadline, **4:00 pm on December 13th, 2018**, using one of the following methods:

- In person to the Geography main office, room B203 in the David Turpin building,
- OR by mail to Urban Europe Field School, Department of Geography, PO Box 3060 Stn CSC, Victoria, BC V8W 3R4.

We will continue to accept applications after the deadline only if space is available.

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Statement of Goals and Rationale

On a separate page, briefly outline your goals for participating in this field school and explain why you feel you are a good fit for this field program (250-500 words).

Statement of Travel Experience

On a separate page, please briefly discuss your travel experience, including highlights, places that you have visited, and the length of the trip(s). While an enjoyable experience, group travel study can be challenging. Explain why you think you would be a good traveler and positively contribute to the group experience.

Fees and Financial Support

For field schools, students pay regular UVic tuition (approximately \$1900 for 3 courses – this differs for international students) plus **field school fees (see below)**.

Field school fees 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).

Field School Fees

- **\$500 deposit** paid at time of application
- **\$3000** paid by **March 1st, 2019**

Field school fees include:

- Accommodation for nights between May 13 and June 13, 2019 (NOTE: Itinerary may 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:

- UVic 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

There are opportunities for financial support, for example through the [Social Sciences Field Course Support Fund](#). 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. You may find other funding opportunities through [UVic International](#).

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Personal Information

First name	
Last name	
Email address	
Phone number	
Date of birth	
Citizenship (list all, if applicable)	
If you are not a citizen of Canada, do you have Permanent Residency?	
How did you hear about this field school?	

Emergency Contact

First name	
Last name	
Relationship to you	
Email address	
Phone number	

Educational Information

UVic student number	
Program of study	
Current degree type (BA or BSc?)	
Current year of study	

Medical Information

Medical conditions/ Prescriptions	
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How would you rate your physical fitness? This field school involves extensive walking and some cycling .	
Allergies	
Dietary requirements/ Restrictions	

Refund Policy for Field School

Please read this section carefully and complete the information on the next page.

Note that the **refund policy** applies equally to:

- Students who have accepted a place in the Field School and decide not to go
- students who begin participation in the Field School and decide to return home early

Deposit: Field School applications must be accompanied by a \$500 deposit.

- If an applicant is not accepted into the Field School, the deposit will be returned in its entirety. If an applicant is offered a place in the Field School and declines the offer, the deposit will be returned in its entirety.

Otherwise, the deposit is not refundable.

Extenuating circumstances would allow for a refund of field course fees. These extenuating circumstances:

- **Do include:** proof of a personal, family, or medical emergency submitted with a written request for the refund including supporting documentation from appropriate professionals (such as doctors and counselors).
- **Do not include:** inability to raise sufficient funds by the payment deadline, or early return due to culture shock, homesickness, legal or academic discipline, criminal activity, or external events in the outside community that are beyond the control of the UVic Field School.
- Once additional payments have been made, and before the Field School participants depart, these payments (over and above the deposit) will be returned upon withdrawal for valid reasons. These payments will be returned less any costs that have been paid for accommodation or other expenses for the Field School.

Field school cancelation would result in a full refund.

_____ (applicant initial here)

General Consent/ Permission

I _____ (name of applicant) understand that the Europe Urban Sustainability Field School (GEOG: 388, 391, and 391) program offered by the Department of Geography at the University of Victoria may expose participants to elements of risk. I also acknowledge that accidents may occur while participating in the program and can be a result of the nature of the activity and can occur without fault on either the part of the participant or the University of Victoria. I am aware that the Geography Department will take necessary and appropriate safety precautions and will attempt to minimize any associated risks. Accidents, however, may cause loss of personal property, injury or even death. As a registered participant, I accept the risk of an accident occurring.

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Examples of the types of hazards to which I may be exposed while participating include, but are not limited to:

- **TERRAIN:** any manner of injury resulting from falls on or from steep, slippery, or uneven terrains. Injury or death may be caused by, but not limited to, making contact with rocks, trees, obstructions and other participants, visible or non-visible.
- **WEATHER:** injury or illness resulting from exposure to heat, sunlight, or winds.
- **ANIMALS:** Injury resulting from interaction with wildlife: bears, wolves, cougars, snakes, bees, etc.
- **HEALTH RISKS:** [It is highly recommended that you ensure you have current tetanus vaccination]. I am responsible for ensuring that I take serious precautions to avoid health problems. For instance, I will ensure that I am adequately hydrated with safe water. In case I need to consult a doctor and/or dentist, I understand that I may have to pay the fees associated with such a visit i.e., boat and vehicle transportation.
- **HAZARDS OF TRAVEL:** injury resulting from boat transport, hiking over unstable logs and rocks, etc.
- **OTHER HAZARDS:** those not explicitly identified above. For instance, sexual harassment and other forms of harassment will not be tolerated.

_____ (*applicant initial here*)

Declaration

I wish to participate in the Europe Urban Sustainability Field School at UVic. I have read and signed or initialled all of the required sections of the above sections and the following waiver. Additionally, I provide permission for any photographs of me in the field school experience to be used by UVic (following consultation with me about specific candidate photographs). I understand that I must have a passport that is valid until six months after my departure date, and I will obtain medical insurance and travel insurance prior to departure.

Participant name (print clearly)	Date:
Participant Signature	
Witness name (print clearly)	Date:
Witness Signature	

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Field School Waiver Form

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

WARNING: BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT (THE “WAIVER”) YOU WILL ASSUME CERTAIN PHYSICAL OR LEGAL RISKS. YOU WILL ALSO WAIVE SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE RIGHT TO SUE THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA AND EACH OF ITS GOVERNORS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS, CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE “RELEASEES”), EVEN WHERE ONE OR MORE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS IS NEGLIGENT. PLEASE READ ALL PAGES CAREFULLY!

Name of Participant: _____

Address of Participant: _____

Preamble

The University of Victoria’s Field Schools are an exceptional opportunity, but they are not without certain risks, dangers and hazards to all Participants. These include, but are not limited to: delay or inconvenience, program cancellation or curtailment, increased risk to health, the loss of personal property, injury and even death.

All persons taking part in the Program are required to accept these and other risks as a condition of their participation. The University of Victoria will not accept any liability for injury, loss, damage or expense sustained as a result of any person's participation in the Program.

The Statement of Risks set forth below is intended to enable Participants to better understand and accept the various risks involved in the Program. All Program applicants will be required to sign the Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement set forth below, which will release the University of Victoria and each of its governors, officers, agents, employees, students, contractors, subcontractors, representatives, successors and assigns (collectively referred to as the “Releasees”), from any claims which might arise as a result of the applicant's participation in the Program.

Statement of Risks

The Program involves the risks inherent in travel, international or otherwise. These include, but are not limited to: poor road and transportation systems, limited or poor access to health care professionals or facilities, exposure to wildlife, and standards of criminal justice which vary from Canadian standards, all of which may result in increased risks to the Participant’s health, damage to or loss of the Participant’s property, injury of the Participant or even death.

Participants in the Program may be using the services of independent travel agents and airlines. The Releasees do not accept responsibility for the conduct of these independent agencies. It is always possible that the Program may not be completed or individual activities may be curtailed or cancelled. Reasons for curtailment or cancellation may include, but are not limited to: weather, illness, political

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disturbances, civil unrest, war, transportation problems, failure to perform on the part of travel agents or airlines, problems relating to customs, natural disaster, or other circumstances beyond the control of the Releasees.

It is the responsibility of each Participant in the Program to learn as much as possible about the risks of the venture, to weigh those risks against the advantages, and to decide whether or not to participate.

The Releasees accept no responsibility and assume no liability with respect to any academic, vocational, medical, or financial advice received by a Participant concerning the field school.

_____ (*initial here*)

I, _____ (*print name*), am aware that the Program involves many risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to those referred to in the Preamble and the Statement of Risks set forth above. I am also aware that my participation in the Program is voluntary. I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards, and the possibility of delay or inconvenience, Program cancellation or curtailment, the loss of, or damage to, personal property, injury to my health, bodily injury and even death.

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement

IN CONSIDERATION of the Releasees allowing me to participate in the Program, and as a condition of my participation in the Program, and for other good and valuable consideration (the receipt and sufficiency of which I acknowledge):

1. I WAIVE AND RELINQUISH ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, COSTS, DAMAGES, DEMANDS AND OBLIGATIONS of any kind or nature whatsoever, known or unknown, that I have or may in the future have against the Releasees resulting from my participation in the Program and arising from any cause whatsoever, including negligence, breach of contract, or breach or any statutory duty or other duty of care on the part of the Releasees.
2. I RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE the Releasees from and against any and all liability for any loss, expense, property damage, bodily injury or death that I may suffer as a result of my participation in the Program, or in any manner connected with, related to or as a consequence of my participation in the Program, due to any cause whatsoever, including any negligence, breach of contract, or breach of any statutory or other duty of care on the part of the Releasees.
3. I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY the Releasees from any and all liability for (a) any damage to the property of, or bodily injury to, any third party, resulting from my negligent or intentional act or omission while participating in the Program; and (b) from any and all non-scheduled or emergency expenses related to first aid or medical treatment or evacuation of myself in the event of an accident, injury or illness. I acknowledge that all expenses associated with non-scheduled or emergency evacuation, rescue or first aid will be my responsibility and not paid by the Releasees.

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4. I agree to abide by all local laws and regulations while participating in the Program, and to take responsibility for my own conduct, should I become liable to any person for any loss or damage which I have caused.

5. I agree that this Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my successors, assigns, heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and personal representatives.

6. I agree that this Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia. Any action or dispute arising out of my participation in the Program shall be instituted or brought in the Courts of the Province of British Columbia, and by signing and delivering this Agreement, I irrevocably accept and submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts, and to all proceedings in such courts.

7. I represent, warrant and agree that, in executing and delivering this Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement, I am not relying, and have not relied, upon any representation, promise or statement made by the Releasees which is not recited or embodied in this Agreement.

8. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND ASSIGNS MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES. IT HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO ME THAT THE RELEASEES WILL NOT PERMIT MY PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM UNLESS I SIGN AND AGREE TO THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.

9. I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY AND HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO SEEK INDEPENDENT LEGAL ADVICE PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT.

10. (IF THE PARTICIPANT IN THE PROGRAM IS LESS THAN 19 YEARS OF AGE, THE PARTICIPANT'S GUARDIAN MUST SIGN ON THE PARTICIPANT'S BEHALF.)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A GUARDIAN OR PARENT: I am the parent or guardian of the participant named above (the "Child"). I acknowledge that both the Child and I have read this Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement. The Child and I understand, appreciate, freely accept and fully assume the risks, dangers and hazards referred to in this Agreement. On my own behalf and on behalf of the Child, I covenant and agree not to sue or commence any legal proceedings against the Releasees is in law responsible in respect of any loss, damage, injury or expense resulting from the said risks, dangers and hazards. I hereby waive and any claims that I may now or in the future have against the Releasees or any one for whom the Releasees is in law responsible. I hereby release the Releasees from any and all liability, for any loss, damage or expense that the Child or I may sustain as a direct or indirect result of the Child's participation in the Program. I agree to indemnify and save the Releasees harmless from any all liability for any property damage of, personal injury to, or death of the Child in the Program.

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Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____

Signature of Participant (or Guardian)

Printed Name of Participant (or Guardian)

Witness Signature

Printed Name of Witness (aged 19 or older)

This Agreement must be completed in full, signed, dated, and witnessed and must be initialed where indicated before the Participant may begin the Program.