



Field Course in Environmental Law and Sustainability

Hakai Beach Institute

Summer 2011

Description

The Faculty of Law is offering for the first time, a field course in Environmental Law and Sustainability from August 22 to September 1, 2011. This intensive course will be taught on the Central Coast of BC at the remote Hakai Beach Institute on Calvert Island. This course explores the structures of law and policy that shape environmental governance using case studies of aboriginal rights and title, oceans governance, the use of environmental science in law (fisheries management and enforcement, mining or forestry), species at risk and shared decision making in the coastal environment.

Eligibility and Access

In summer 2011, the Hakai field course will be open to 7 law students and 7 environmental studies students. All law students interested in registering in this course must schedule an interview with Professor Deborah Curran and also submit a written statement to be eligible to participate. The interview must take place between March 15 and March 31. The written submission is due by Thursday March 31 at 4:30 p.m. by email to Professor Curran at dlc@uvic.ca.

As there are limited places in the course, a lottery will be held to determine which eligible students will gain access to the course and which will be waitlisted. The deadline to participate in this lottery is Monday April 4 at 4:30 p.m. (see ballot).

Required Pre-Requisite

Students are required to complete either Law 329 Environmental Law or Law 353 Environmental Law Centre Clinic prior to participating in the field course. Students who successfully complete Law 353 ELC in summer 2011 meet this requirement. Students that have completed both Law 329 AND Law 353 will have priority over those that have only completed one of the two pre-requisite courses.

Registration, Tuition and Costs

Students that gain access to the field course will register in Law 343 Environmental and Sustainability Law Field Course in summer term 2011 for 1.5 units.

Eligible students that have already gained access to summer term 2011 (second year co-op students, and non-co-op students that balloted successfully for term access) will register in this course in summer term and count the credit towards their full-time course requirement for summer as determined by law regulations (7.0 units to 8.5 units per term). They will pay full-time tuition and ancillary fees for the summer term. Third year students completing their academic program in summer 2011 are not eligible for the field course if they require completed official grades before the end of August. Students registered in Law 350A Law Centre in summer 2011 are not eligible to register in the Hakai field course in summer 2011.

Eligible students that do not have access to summer term 2011 will be granted access to summer term to register in this course only. They will be subject to part-time tuition and ancillary fees.

The Hakai Beach Institute will cover the cost of meals and accommodation for students staying at the Institute for the duration of the course. Anticipated student-paid costs will include tuition and ancillary fees and return transportation to the Hakai Beach Institute. Transportation will be from Victoria (bus-ferry-water taxi or bus-plane) or from Port Hardy (ferry-water taxi or plane).

Students must pay for any additional personal costs incurred during the course, for example for travel for a personal or family member medical emergency.

Credit and Standing

Students that are registered solely in the Hakai field course in summer term 2011 may count the 1.5 units earned towards their fall term 2011 full-time course load requirements only (7.0 to 8.5 units/term and 14.5 to 16.5 /year of study) as determined by law regulations. For example, students may register in 6.0 units in fall term and count the 1.5 units of Law 343 Hakai field course to earn 7.5 units in fall term 2011. Students in this situation will not be permitted to count the units towards any other term.

Teaching Methodology and Evaluation Methods

Teaching methodology will include lectures, guest lectures, class discussions, presentations, in-class exercises, film, and field trips. Course materials will include legislation, case law, articles, book chapters and other resources to be posted on the course Moodle site. Students must have access to a laptop computer with wireless capabilities during the course. The evaluation methods will include: a seminar presentation and facilitation (10%), a collaborative research project during the field course (20%), a mid course exam on environmental law concepts and issues (20%), a narrative self-evaluation (pass/fail) and a final research project, due on September 15, 2011 (50%).

Facility, Accessibility and Accommodation

The course will initially be taught in late August to maximize the short window of summer weather on the outer west coast, and to accommodate law students' summer courses, employment commitments and other plans. This is an intensive place-based course that requires students to be absent from Victoria for the duration of the course.

The Hakai Beach Institute on the north coast of Calvert Island in the central coast is remote. The weather can be sunny and beautiful one day, and cold and wet the next. The open Pacific is on the west side of the island, and conditions can be difficult and dangerous. Once the class is at the site, students will not be leaving except for field trips by boat to other remote sites. While the accommodation is comfortable, students must bring everything they need for the ten days of the course.

Access to the Hakai Beach Institute is by ferry and water taxi or by float plane. The ramp from the dock (where water taxis and the float plane disembark passengers) to the shore is very steep. The buildings are not wheelchair accessible and the paths between the buildings are gravel. In addition, to enrol in this course, participants must be able to climb stairs and walk unaided for 20 minutes on a path that is unpaved, narrow and at times steep.

Accommodation for different learning abilities that do not involve physical abilities must be addressed in advance of travelling to the course site.

Communication During the Course

There is no cell phone coverage at the Hakai Beach Institute. There is one land line that is available only for emergency calls. Satellite wireless service is available throughout the Institute, however coverage can be interrupted.

Authorization for Consent to Medical Treatment

Students will be asked to sign an authorization for consent to medical treatment in case of emergency, and will be required to provide contact information for a personal contact who is not enrolled in the course.

DEPOSIT REQUIRED: *Eligible students that have balloted successfully will be required to provide a deposit cheque of \$100 to secure their place in the Hakai field course. The cheque will not be cashed unless the student withdraws from the course. The cheque is due before April 30, 2011 to Cathy Stacey in the front office and will be shredded in September.*

Ballot

Law 343 Field Course in Environmental Law and Sustainability
Hakai Beach Institute
August 22, 2011 to September 1, 2011

Ballot Deadline: Monday April 4, 2011, 4:30 p.m.
To Law Reception (in person) or by email to lawaoa@uvic.ca

Students may submit one ballot only. The ballot must be completely filled out.

Name: _____

Student Number: V00_____

UVic Email Address: _____

Please complete the following questions:

1. I, *(please select one)*
 - currently have access to summer term 2011 because I am a co-op student.
 - currently have access to summer term 2011 because I balloted successfully.
 - do not currently have access to summer term 2011, and I understand that I will be subject to part-time tuition and ancillary fees for this course. I also understand that the course credit earned in summer 2011 will be counted only towards my fall term 2011 full-time course load.

2. Fall term 2011 will be my _____ term of _____ year. *(e.g. My first term of third year)*

3. I understand that the course pre-requisites are Law 329 Environmental Law or Law 353 ELC. I understand that students that have taken both courses will have priority access over those that have taken only one. I will fulfill the required pre-requisite because I, *(please select as suits your situation)*
 - have already successfully completed the following course(s)
 - Law 353 ELC in _____ (e.g. Fall 2009)
 - Law 329 Environmental Law in _____
 - will complete the following course
 - Law 353 ELC in _____ (e.g. Spring 2011)

4. I fulfilled or will fulfill the required pre-requisite by meeting (or scheduling to meet) with Professor Deborah Curran on the following date: _____

5. I fulfilled or will fulfill the required pre-requisite by submitting the written statement to Professor Deborah Curran on the following date: _____

6. If I do not obtain a place in the field course, I understand that I will be automatically added to the waitlist.

I confirm that I have read and understood the supporting documentation regarding Law 343 Field Course in Environmental Law and Sustainability, Hakai Beach Institute, summer term 2011. I am prepared to supply a cheque for \$100 (Att: UVic Faculty of Law) to secure my place in the course.

Name: _____ Date: _____