

# ANTHROPOLOGY & GEOGRAPHY

## BC INTERIOR FIELD SCHOOL

### APPLICATION

**Candidates:** Please read and fill out the following application form. Return two copies of the form to the faculty member(s) in charge of the field school by **February 17, 2012**. Full disclosure of information is essential in order for the participating faculty members to be able to manage personal issues related to your health, well being, and safety. **Incomplete or late application forms will not be accepted.**

**Statement of Department Policy:** Internships and Field Schools are excellent opportunities for students to experience contact with different cultures and life ways in foreign countries. The instructors and facilitators of these projects endeavor to enhance exposure to these cultures through various educational activities in their selected areas and work hard to ensure their students' safety and well-being. Canadian standards of safety and comfort are an ideal that may not be possible elsewhere and students may endure some discomfort (e.g., heat, limited personal space, rationing); this is also true of standards of living. Cultural relativism is central to anthropological ethics and behavior in the field. Students who choose to participate in field schools should be aware of these ethical issues, recognize differences in cultures, and modify their behavior accordingly. Failure to do so may put the entire group and the field school at risk. "Culture shock" and travel stress are a natural outcome for any field school in any foreign environment. Students will experience both to some degree.

Group cohesion is essential for the success of any field school as students and faculty will need to rely on each other for physical and emotional support. Aggressive or counterproductive behavior will not be tolerated. Faculty members are responsible for conflict management; but, students are expected to behave in a non-confrontational manner with their fellow students, faculty members, and any other people they encounter. The **VU Code of Conduct** is in effect for all internships and field schools. **Infractions of the Code and/or failure to adhere to the guidelines set out by instructors will result in immediate dismissal from the internship/field school and may result in further academic repercussions.** Unless otherwise stated by the faculty member, budgeting and trip planning are the responsibilities of those in charge of the field schools. For this reason, democratic group decision making is not always possible. Delays, cancellations, and unexpected events are highly likely and do not indicate inadequate planning on the part of the faculty. Students must accept any modifications in itineraries.

**Evaluation of Candidates:** The number of internships/field schools and the numbers of students who can participate in these opportunities are limited. Acceptance for one of these projects is a privilege. **All potential candidates for internships/field schools will be evaluated by all members of the Departments of Anthropology and Geography. They will also be interviewed by a committee of two members of the Faculty and potentially an individual from outside the Faculty (for example, from Education Abroad or Student Services).** Students should supply two references from outside the Department of Anthropology and Geography: 1) an instructor from whom you have taken more than one course; and 2) a person who has known you over 5 years. Evaluations will be based on the following criteria: academic standing; estimated time for completion of degree; satisfactory completion of pre-requisite courses; suitability for specific internship/field school; compatibility with fellow students. **Students approaching graduation will be given priority as long as they satisfy the other evaluation criteria.**

**Pre-requisites for Field School:**

BC Interior Field School: Students planning to attend the BC Interior Field School must have ANTH 211 and/or one of GEOG 230, 240, or 290. Applicants must also have third-year standing (credits are for 300-level courses). Students should be adventurous omnivores, as well as be willing to travel in close quarters over several hours (travel in two or three minivans). Accommodation will be shared (hostel or motel/hotel). The amount and size of luggage per person will be limited due to space constraints (minivan). There will be pre-departure meetings and assignments in preparation for our travels, as well as, group assignment work in the week following our return; attendance is mandatory.

Name:		Student ID:	
Address:			
Phone:		Email:	
Major:	Minor:	Estimated Graduation Date:	GPA:
Anthropology Courses Completed: ANTH 211 <input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 213 <input type="checkbox"/> ANTH 214 <input type="checkbox"/>			
Geography Courses Completed: GEOG 230 <input type="checkbox"/> GEOG 240 <input type="checkbox"/> GEOG 290 <input type="checkbox"/>			
Upper Levels Courses (Enter by Course Number):			

Reasons for selecting this field school:

What personal qualities or experiences do you have which you feel would be an asset for this field school?

What are your personal expectations of this field school? What do you hope to gain from the experience?

How do you plan on paying for this field school?

Health Status: Do you have any existing medical conditions, allergies, or personal problems which should be considered? **(Full disclosure is important for your own safety and well being. This allows for accommodations to be made, if possible. Student confidentiality will be respected!).** Access to health care providers in a small community may be difficult. A medical letter may be requested.

Dietary Restrictions:

Will you be able to attend pre-departure lectures and meetings in the spring at some mutually acceptable time?  Yes  No

Check all that apply, time preference:

Morning  Afternoon  Evening

References:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and fully understand the Statement of Department Policy for field schools and internships. I am willing to accept these conditions and will endeavour to fulfill the requirements stated therein. I have also read the section on the evaluation of candidates and fully understand how candidates will be selected for internships/field schools.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_