



HAIDA GWAI
HIGHER EDUCATION SOCIETY

Call for Course Instructors, 2017

About the Haida Gwaii Higher Education Society (HGHEs)

HGHEs is an enterprising non-profit organization that develops and delivers transformative education inspired by Haida Gwaii. In partnership with leading universities, we offer students immersive, experiential learning opportunities. Haida Gwaii Semesters are intensive 14-week programs accredited by the University of British Columbia and designed for senior undergraduate students. The interdisciplinary nature and the location of these programs attract students from a variety of disciplines and universities. Each semester provides a full course load, including four courses that run in successive three-week blocks and a fifth project-based seminar offered weekly throughout the entire term.

HGHEs embraces a place-based approach; we see the social and ecological systems of Haida Gwaii as vibrant natural classrooms for our students to engage with, grounding course content in living, local case-studies. We believe in working together and facilitating a rich collaboration between our instructors and local knowledge holders, supporting a meaningful learning exchange and the development of a broad perspective.

About the Opportunities

We are hiring instructors for three courses in our upcoming 2017 Haida Gwaii Semester in Natural Resource Studies. These courses are well developed with room to be adapted, according to the candidates' expertise.

HGSE 350 Case Studies in Haida Gwaii Dates: Jan. 13 – Apr. 10, 2017 (Fri. mornings)

Summary: In this capstone course, students integrate concepts and themes from the semester's four modular courses. This is done in the context of community and through the lenses of culture, ecology, economy/industry, government, places, and people.

HGSE 351 History & Politics of Resource Management Dates: Jan. 9-26, 2017 (Mon.-Thurs.)

Summary: How do ideas about nature influence the ways in which we interact with and manage natural resources? Why is history important in understanding the politics of resource management? This course takes a historical approach to examining resource management and conflicts in Canada, with a particular focus on forests. Course topics include the social nature of forests; the history of forestry in Canada; First Nations, imperialism, and forests; race, class and gender in the woods; and contemporary forest conflicts and claims.

HGSE 352 First Nations Governance & Natural Resource Management Dates: Jan. 30-16, 2017 (Mon.-Thurs.)

Summary: This course provides an overview of First Nations and natural resources, with a particular focus on First Nations involvement in forest management, present and past. Course topics include relationships between First Nations and forests lands and resources, traditional ecological knowledge, Aboriginal and treaty rights (Aboriginal self-governance) and their incorporation into forest management, First nations forest tenure, and relationships between First nations and other groups including provincial and federal governments, the forest industry and environmental and non-government organizations.

Qualifications

- Ph.D preferred, or a combination of experience and demonstrated equivalency in a discipline relevant to the course
- Teaching experience at the post-secondary level
- Meaningful experience working with First Nations and rural communities
- Ties to Haida Gwaii an asset

Apply by Nov. 8, 2016

For more information or to apply, please submit a cover letter and C.V. to <operations@hghes.ca>.