

2015 Urban Ethnographic Field School

Would you like to:

Take your learning out of the classroom and into Vancouver's diverse communities?

Learn how to do hands-on, collaborative, and community-based research?

Gain valuable experience working with local community organizations?

If yes, you should apply to UBC's annual summer Urban Ethnographic Field School, run jointly by the UBC Departments of Anthropology and Sociology!

Participation in the Urban Ethnographic Field School provides:

Research training:

- Gain valuable skills and experience conducting qualitative research, focusing on methods of participant observation, interviewing, and community mapping.

Community service learning:

- Volunteer with Neighbourhood Houses and other community organizations in Vancouver with the aim of building more vibrant and rewarding connections with local communities and the broader public.

Learning enhancement:

- Deepen your understanding about key theoretical issues related to migration, transnationalism, social inequalities, and multicultural communities through hands-on collaborative research with individuals, families, and communities.

Details:

- Summer Session I: May 11 to June 18, 2015
- Monday through Thursday, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the UBC Learning Exchange (612 Main Street), plus 6 to 8 hours of fieldwork per week in an assigned community organization
- Instructors: Kerry Greer and Oralia Gómez-Ramírez
- Application available online: <http://ivefs.arts.ubc.ca>

Applications are due by 12 noon on Friday, March 13, 2015

- Priority is given to 3rd and 4th year students in Anthropology or Sociology (or related disciplines); good grades, especially in related disciplines; completion of at least one third-year Sociology or Anthropology course, or permission of the instructors.
- 6-credit course, choose to receive credit for SOCI and/or ANTH 480 (6 credits of either, or 3 credits of each)
- \$300 course materials fee (in addition to tuition)

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UBC Departments of Anthropology and Sociology
May 11 – June 18, 2015

Vancouver is a city defined by its expanding and deepening connections with societies and cultures from around the world. The dynamic growth of diverse populations reflects the wealth of knowledge and experiences contained in the everyday life of the city. To provide students the unique opportunity to collaborate with and learn from Vancouver's diverse communities, the UBC Departments of Anthropology and Sociology have been jointly conducting the **Urban Ethnographic Field School** (formerly IVEFS) since 2010.

As a fieldwork-based course, the Field School will train students on how to conduct in-depth, community-based research related to the social, political, cultural and economic lives of people from a variety of ethnic and class backgrounds. By immersing themselves in qualitative research, students will gain valuable experience linking hands-on research to theoretical paradigms related to the study of migration, transnationalism, social inequalities, and multicultural communities. Students will learn how to carry out participant observation, interviews, and focus groups; students will also learn how to create descriptive portraits of neighbourhoods and map key community resources, such as sites of worship, cultural centers, immigrant services, language-specific delis and video stores.

Field research projects will be defined in conjunction with community partners that work directly with families, individuals from various backgrounds, and multicultural communities. Students will spend 6-8 hours per week at a local Neighbourhood House or community organization in placements ranging from immigrant seniors' lunch programs to multi-ethnic community gardens to digital stories and photography projects to citizenship and leadership development classes. At the end of the Field School, student research projects will contribute to a public website that will profile "living cultural maps" of Vancouver as a global metropolis. Students will also have the opportunity to publicly present their research findings to participating community organizations at a final event. By fostering research and collaboration with local community organizations, the Field School seeks to build vibrant, lasting and rewarding connections between students, the university and the wider public.

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- **Applications** are due by 12 noon, March 13, 2015. Applications are available online at <http://iverfs.arts.ubc.ca>. You can send supplemental material to field.school@ubc.ca.
- **The Field School is a 6-credit course:** Once accepted, you will be asked to pay a \$300 student fee in addition to tuition – this fee covers the honoraria we pay to community partners, the cost of field trips and guest speakers, and the extra labour involved in organizing a field school. Upon receipt of this fee you may choose to be registered in ANTH 480 and/or SOCI 480 (3 credits of each, or 6 credits of ANTH or SOCI).
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