Haida Gwaii Residency Handbook

MA/MSc in Environment & Management
Y1011W Cohort - Residency Three

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**Haida Gwaii at a glance**

Haida Gwaii is a series of small islands, located in British Columbia’s Northwest. It is a place of important historical events, rich aboriginal culture and extraordinary natural history. Thanks to the Haida Gwaii Higher Education Society and your cohort member Jacques Morin, we are able to hold your third residency in Haida Gwaii at the Haida Heritage Centre. The MA/MSc in Environment and Management program is truly fortunate to be able to make use of this amazing resource.

Information about Haida Gwaii - [http://www.gohaidagwaii.ca](http://www.gohaidagwaii.ca)

**Haida Nation**

The Haida Nation has a rich and diverse history. To gain some insight and perspective on the Haida people, culture and history please visit the websites listed below.
[http://www.haidanation.ca/](http://www.haidanation.ca/)

**Resources and Amenities**

You will be staying in the Village of Queen Charlotte. Queen Charlotte has a population of roughly 1050 people. There are multiple grocery stores, restaurants, pubs and liquor stores located in town, most of which are easily accessible on foot. The Village also has a local hospital, medical clinic and pharmacy. For accommodation information, please see the transport and accommodation section on page 5 of this document. For more information about the Village of Queen Charlotte, please visit [http://www.queencharlotte.ca/](http://www.queencharlotte.ca/)

**Residency Information**

**Physical Location and Resources**

You will be staying in the Village of Queen Charlotte and attending classes at the Haida Heritage Centre, which is a 7km drive from the village. Transportation will be available daily to take you to and from the Centre, pick up times and locations will be sent out to you closer to the date. Kaay Kitchen Café operates at the Haida Heritage Centre. They are open Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm and serve hot lunches, coffee and snacks. The café is not open for dinner. The classroom space at the Haida Heritage Centre is fully equipped with flipcharts, whiteboards, projectors, telephone access, internet access and wireless internet. The Centre has a fax machine in the main reception area. The Haida Heritage Centre also features a museum, carving house, and canoe house.
Courses
You will be taking two courses during your residency, ENVR 661 - Systems Thinking for Environmental Management and ENVR 626 - Leadership and Sustainable Development. The pre-residency portion of your courses runs from January 14, 2013 to February 17, 2013 and the residency portion runs from February 18, 2013 to March 1, 2013.

ENVR 661 - Systems Thinking for Environmental Management
Instructor: Pille Bunnell
Calendar Description: Designed to explore the manner, implications and consequence of engaging in systems thinking for environmental management. Two themes will be explored: the biological foundations of cognition, language and culture that determine our possibility for managing what concerns us; and approaches and methodologies designed for realizing these possibilities, in particular, at the multiple scales and cross-system circumstances that have become relevant to environmental managers.

ENVR 626 - Leadership and Sustainable Development
Instructor: Rick Kool
Calendar Description: Synthesizes the cumulative learning of the three residencies by developing personal leadership and action plans within the context of a dramatically changing world order. Students explore the relationships between social capital and natural capital and build a comprehensive understanding of both the personal and social dimensions of sustainability.

Packing
The climate in Haida Gwaii in February/March is cool and rainy – please pack accordingly! http://www.gohaidagwaii.ca/our-islands/climate-weather/

Recommended Packing List
✓ Comfortable clothes/shoes for everyday
✓ Rain jacket to keep with you always
✓ Laptop and all relevant cables, extension cords, etc
✓ Camera
✓ USB drive
✓ Alarm clock and watch
✓ Rain pants
✓ Gumboots and sturdy hiking boots
✓ Toque, scarf and mittens
✓ Lots of cozy socks
✓ Daypack (with waterproof cover)
✓ Warm layers (fleece, wool, microfiber – but not cotton)
✓ Water bottle (a thermos is nice to have too)
✓ Any personal field gear you might have (compass, jack knife, binoculars, rite-in-rain, etc.)
✓ Extra ziplock bags - to protect your things from rain/elements

It’s useful to bring the following for your own use: aspirin or acetaminophen or Ibuprofen, Gravol, sinus or allergy medication. Bring your own first-aid kit (i.e. the small kind available at MEC). It is a good idea to travel with your own personal medical kit which may include personal syringes etc. If you require personal (specialized) prescriptions, make sure you bring enough to meet your requirement while away, plus some extra as a back-up. As noted earlier, there is a hospital, medical clinic and pharmacy in the Village of Queen Charlotte.
Transport & Accommodation

Air Canada flies directly into Sandspit, which is the closest Airport to the Village of Queen Charlotte. Shuttles are available to/from the Sandspit Airport http://www.gohaidagwaii.ca/getting-here-around/transportation/. When booking your flights be sure to purchase cancellation insurance.

All students are responsible to book their own accommodation. Below are some options that we’ve looked into. When booking accommodation, please make sure that you receive the proper rate listed below.

**Hectate Inn**

The Hectate Inn has single and double occupancy rooms with kitchenettes.
- Single Rooms are $60.00 per night
- Double rooms are $30.00 per person/night (based on double occupancy)
http://www.hecateinn.ca/rooms.html

**Misty Inlet**

Based on double occupancy, Misty Inlet is able to offer a rate of $250.00 per week ($125.00 per week/per person). There are 2 suites available and no more than 2 persons can stay in a suite. Each suite has a full Kitchen, Living Room, 2 separate Bedrooms (1 with a Queen Bed & 1 with a Twin Bed), a full Bathroom, in suite washer & dryer and wireless high speed internet. For more information about the suites and to view pictures, please visit http://www.mistyinlet.com

**Spruce Point Lodge**

The Spruce point Lodge is able to offer a rate of $40 per night.
- 2 rooms with cooking facilities and 2 beds in each
- 3 rooms with double bed w/ fridge, coffee maker, etc (no cooking facilities)
- 1 room with a twin bed w/ fridge, coffee maker, etc (no cooking facilities)
All rooms have washrooms, internet and cable and have access to laundry. There are no shared kitchen facilities.

**Dorothy and Mike’s Guest House**

Suites are available at a rate of $550 per week. Suites include internet, full kitchen facilities, ensuite washroom. http://www.qcislands.net/doromike/accommodations/#suites

For more options on where to stay, please go to http://www.gohaidagwaii.ca/where-to-stay/ and make sure to book in Queen Charlotte!
Appendix 1: Travel Details Form

The following information must be submitted to the Program Associate. This information is for security purposes only and will be kept confidential by the MEM program office and residency instructors.

**STUDENT NAME**

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Food Allergies

Other Allergies/ Special Health Considerations:

**EMERGENCY CONTACT(S) – please ensure they are aware of any medical conditions, allergies, etc.**

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PREAMBLE
The Royal Roads University third residency trip to Haida Gwaii’s for the Masters in Environment and Management (hereafter referred to as the Program), is an exceptional educational opportunity, but it is not without potential risks, dangers, hazards, and liabilities to all Participants. These include, but are not limited to, personal injury, death, property damage, delay or inconvenience, expense and other loss, and cancellation or curtailment of the Program itself. All persons taking part in the Program are required to accept these and all other risks as a condition of their participation. Royal Roads University, its instructors, employees, servants, agents, successors, administrators, assigns, and contractors, (hereinafter referred to as Royal Roads University) will not accept any liability for injury, loss, damage or expense suffered by any Participant as a result of participation in the Program. The information set forth in this agreement is intended to enable the Participant to better understand and accept the various risks involved. All Participants will be required to sign this Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement, which will release Royal Roads University from any future claims which might arise as a result of participation in the Program.

STATEMENT OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL FITNESS, INSURANCE
I am in good physical and mental health and I am able to fully participate in the Program and make informed, objective decisions. I am covered by, or will obtain appropriate personal accident and personal liability insurance coverage before the start of the residency, or can and will personally pay for all costs and liabilities that I may incur by virtue of participation in the Program.

I acknowledge the statement of physical and mental fitness, insurance as noted above - (initial box): 

UNDERSTANDING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS
I understand and acknowledge that participating in the Program will involve risks to me, both anticipated and unanticipated, that could result in injury, disease, illness and death to me and others involved in the Program, and as well as damage to or loss of property. Potential risks may include but are not limited to: cuts, bruises, sprains, strains, burns, fractures, disease, illness, heat injuries, paraplegia, quadriplegia, brain injury, assault, physical and mental injury, and death which may arise from accidents or incidents associated with the Program or travel to Haida Gwaii. In addition to the usual risks associated with travel, travelers to Haida Gwaii are exposed to additional risks, dangers and hazards. These may include, but are not limited to: traffic accidents and lack of available medical treatment.

The Program might not be completed or individual activities may be curtailed or cancelled due to weather, illness, violent disturbances or acts of terrorism, motor vehicle accidents, transportation problems, or other circumstances either within or beyond the control of Royal Roads University, including acts, errors, or omissions of Royal Roads University, including negligence of Royal Roads University; acts, errors, or omissions, including negligence of other participants; or the Participant's own acts, errors, or omissions including negligence.

I understand and acknowledge the risks noted above - (initial box): 

ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY
All participants in the Program will be required to attend orientation and safety lectures on potential risks, dangers and hazards, including those described above. There will also be an orientation and discussion of expected participant behaviors aimed at minimizing individual and collective risk exposure. It is the responsibility of each Participant in the Program to learn as much as possible about the risks of the Program and travel to Haida Gwaii, to weigh those risks against the advantages of their participation in the Program, and to decide whether or not to participate. Royal Roads University cannot and will not assume liability in respect of any of these risks, dangers, hazards, and liabilities. Royal Roads University accepts no responsibility and assumes no liability with respect to any academic, vocational, medical, or financial advice received by a Participant considering the Program. If, during the Program the Participant does not fully understand or does not have complete confidence in, the Participant’s abilities in the completion of any procedure, activity or task that the Participant is about to engage in, it is solely the Participant’s responsibility to ask the instructor any questions and require that the instructor further explain or clarify. I agree it is my sole responsibility to refuse to proceed with any activity, procedure or task that I am uncomfortable with or feel unsafe doing.
I understand and accept the personal responsibilities listed above - (initial box): 

ACCEPTANCE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK
I am aware that the Program involves risks, dangers, hazards and potential liabilities including, but not limited to those referred to in this agreement as well as those not specifically described herein, whether anticipated or unanticipated. I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, or loss, resulting there from. I am covered by appropriate personal accident and personal liability insurance coverage, or can and will personally pay for all costs and liabilities that I may incur by virtue of participation in the Program.

I accept and assume all risks both listed and not specifically described - (initial box): 

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
In consideration of Royal Roads University allowing my participation in the Program, I agree as follows:

a. To waive, release, and forever discharge Royal Roads University, its instructors, employees, servants, agents, successors, administrators, assigns, and contractors, (hereinafter referred to as Royal Roads University) from any and all manner of action, causes of action, suits, demands, debts, contracts, claims, damages, interest, costs, and expenses, that I have, or may in the future have against Royal Roads University as a result of any loss, injury, disease, illness, death, and damage that I may suffer, by reason of or arising out of or, in any way connected with or resulting from participation in the Program, due to ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, by Royal Roads University.

b. To indemnify Royal Roads University and hold Royal Roads University harmless from all costs and expenses, including legal fees, incurred by Royal Roads University or on Royal Roads University behalf, in defending or in connection with any claim, action or proceeding which may be brought against the Releasees for any reason resulting from my participation in the Program.

c. To agree, promise, and covenant not to sue, or assert any claim against Royal Roads University for any reason whatsoever arising from or in any way connected with my participation in the Program or from any claim brought against me by other participants or third parties.

d. That this agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives.

e. That this agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia; and

f. Any litigation involving parties to this agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of British Columbia.

I understand and hereby release Royal Roads University from all liability, waive all claims against Royal Roads University and agree to indemnify Royal Roads University as listed above - (initial box): 

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT: I have read and understand this agreement and agree that by signing this document I have given up certain legal rights which I or my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives may have against Royal Roads University. In entering into this agreement I am not relying upon any oral or written representations or statements made by Royal Roads University with respect to the safety or value of the Program. I understand that I have the right to seek legal advice before executing this agreement.

Signed this _______ day of ____________________, 2012

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For Internal Use: Please check this waiver for completeness including the form is completed in full, signed, dated, witnessed and all initial boxes are initialed by Participant. Please email risk.management@royalroads.ca the class list of the MEM Y1011W cohort along with PDF copies of their signed releases. These must be received two weeks before start of the residency.