



Call for Instructors

The Haida Gwaii Institute (HGI) is a community-based education and research post-secondary institution that is governed by the Haida Gwaii Higher Education Society (HGHEs) and the University of British Columbia Faculty of Forestry. We are seeking instructors to teach in a variety of upcoming courses!

About the Opportunity to Teach

Though these courses are already designed, you will have the opportunity to adapt them to your strengths and area of expertise. HGI staff will help plan relevant community educators, field activities, and provide other support to help ensure success. Your teaching commitment will include the instructional days, as well as preparation, marking, and wrap-up. More specific dates/times are listed below.

Qualifications

Postgraduate degree in a relevant discipline, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Previous teaching experience, working cross-cultural settings, knowledge of Haida culture and being a resident of Haida Gwaii are all assets.

Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applicants from members of groups that have been marginalised on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age and/or status as a First Nation, Métis, Inuit, or Indigenous person. Interested individuals must be eligible for employment in Canada at the time of application.

For more information, or to apply to teach a course, please submit your CV, cover letter, along with three references to hg.institute@ubc.ca by May 13, 2024.

HGSE 361 Fisheries Co-Management of the North Pacific Coast

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11:30am, September to December 2024; online

Concepts of fisheries co-management with a focus on the North Pacific Coast; examples of other co-management structures regionally and internationally.

HGSE 371 Re-storying History: Indigenous Perspectives

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 9-3pm, January 28 to February 13 2025; in-person in Skidegate

An exploration of the diversity of Indigenous peoples of BC and Canada and their unique histories, beginning with origin stories and oral histories, and moving on to the histories and relationships that Indigenous groups have with the federal, provincial, and territorial governments.

HGSE 372 Language & Cultural Continuity

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 9-3pm, February 25 to March 13 2025; in-person in Skidegate

An exploration of language as a means of looking at culture and cultural continuity. Using the Haida language as a framing device, students will explore the integral connections between language, culture, history, land, health and resilience. (Note that this is not a class on how to speak Haida.)



HGSE 381 Ecological Economics

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 9-3pm, March 18 to April 3 2025; in-person in Skidegate

Underlying philosophy and principles of ecological economics, including the cascading effects of change, unintended consequences of change, and why it might be difficult to separate our ecological goals from our political realities.

HGSE 333 Indigenous Plant Knowledge: Ethnoecology & Ethnobotany

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays from 9-3, June 17-27 2025; in-person in Skidegate

Ethnoecology and ethnobotany within the context of Haida culture and language and the ecosystems of Haida Gwaii, along with examples from other Indigenous communities in BC and beyond.

HGSE 311 Law & Governance: Indigenous & European Traditions

January to April, 2025 exact dates to be determined; online

Background on sources of Aboriginal and Canadian Law; detail on Section 35 of the Constitution Act; a review of relevant Canadian case law; insight on the importance of international law; and other literature on governance.

HGSE 312 Perspectives on Reconciliation

May to June 2025, exact dates to be determined; online

Notions of reconciliation and restitution that have emerged in Canada across space and time; key principles, discourses, legal and constitutional mechanisms, actions, actors.

HGSE 313 Reconciliation & Resource Management

July to August 2025, exact dates to be determined; online

An exploration into relationships and reconciliation processes between Indigenous peoples and other governments in the context of land and sea governance.

HGSE 383 Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship

July to August 2025, exact dates to be determined; online

An examination of the relationships between culture, ingenuity, creativity, entrepreneurship and innovation required to understand and foster systems change through Indigenous and cross-cultural examples.