

Criteria and Application Form

UNBC GEOGRAPHY FIELD SCHOOL TO GUATEMALA Spring Term, April & May 2025

We welcome your interest in the Geography Program's May 2025 Field School to Guatemala. A field school of this kind is a very rich and meaningful experience. It is also sure to be very intense and demanding, both in terms of learning and in terms of the dynamics of two weeks of group life in Guatemala! We would like to see participants meet the following criteria:

- **enrolment in 3rd or 4th year at UNBC or another Canadian university with a minimum GPA of 2.75 and/or in a graduate program in a Canadian university**
- interest in issues of culture, human rights, indigenous rights, development, power relations, gender, and environmental justice
- some understanding of (or willingness to learn before the start of the field school) the history of Central America
- good physical and emotional health
- some understanding of the joys and frustrations of group travel and group living experiences
- commitment to follow-up work in your community and/or region upon return home

Our intention is to organize a field school composed of people with differing levels of experience with Guatemala. The application process consists of:

- a) completion of this application form
- b) an interview with Dr. Catherine Nolin of the UNBC Department of Geography, Earth & Environmental Sciences (GEES).

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

LAST NAME: _____	FIRST NAME: _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____ _____ _____	
TELEPHONE: _____	FAX: _____
EMAIL: _____	EMAIL (2 ND): _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS (2):

LAST NAME: _____	FIRST NAME: _____
RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____	
MAILING ADDRESS: _____ _____ _____	
TELEPHONE (HOME): _____	TELEPHONE (WORK): _____
FAX: _____	EMAIL: _____

LAST NAME: _____	FIRST NAME: _____
RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____	
MAILING ADDRESS: _____ _____ _____	
TELEPHONE (HOME): _____	TELEPHONE (WORK): _____
FAX: _____	EMAIL: _____

UNBC STUDENT INFORMATION:

UNBC STUDENT NUMBER: _____

PASSPORT NUMBER [can be provided at a later date, if currently applying for a passport]:

CITIZENSHIP: _____	PASSPORT NUMBER: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____	PLACE OF BIRTH: _____
PASSPORT EXPIRY DATE: _____	PLACE OF ISSUE: _____

LANGUAGE(S):

(A) What is your first language?

_____ _____

(B) Do you speak any Spanish? If so, please indicate your level (beginner/ intermediate/ advanced/able to help with translation).

_____ _____

HEALTH:

(A) Do you have any health problems, allergies, or illnesses that will impact your participation? Please explain.

_____ _____

(B) Are you under a physician's care or received prescribed medicine within the past year that will impact your participation? Please explain, as necessary, only if this might impact your participation.

_____ _____

(C) Would you have to take any special medical supplies with you?

_____ _____

(D) Do you have any physical disabilities that might restrict your ability to travel long distances (by bus or on foot)? This question is not meant to restrict participation but simply to allow us to plan appropriately.

_____ _____

(E) Do you have any special dietary requirements or restrictions?

**ACADEMIC PREPARATION:
UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE EDUCATION COMPLETED & IN PROGRESS**

Please provide transcripts (UNBC unofficial transcripts are sufficient)

INSTITUTION / CITY/ COUNTRY: _____ _____	
MAJOR: _____	MINOR: _____
YEAR OF STUDY: _____	TRANSCRIPTS INCLUDED? _____
List all geography courses you have completed or are in progress. Include course number, title, and grade received. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	
List all other relevant courses. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	

NOTE:

We have ZERO tolerance for drug use and lack of commitment to daytime & evening group work. Participation with this field school requires commitment to the course requirements which will restrict opportunities for individual exploration.

SIGNATURE:

DATE: _____

Please return this completed form to Dr. Catherine Nolin (Geography, New Lab Building #8-148).