



April 18, 2016

Dear Student,

Welcome to the Pacific Rim Institute & Au Sable Institute Summer Program!

We look forward to seeing you at the Pacific Rim campus for Summer Session II:

Summer Session II: July 11 – August 12, 2016
(Classes end at noon on Friday August 12th)

ARRIVAL

You are to arrive at the Pacific Rim campus no later than 7pm on Sunday, July 10, 2016 and you can arrive as early as Saturday, July 9. The first meal to be provided will be dinner on Sunday. **It takes about three hours after landing to get to the PRI campus in Coupeville.**

Please call or email the Pacific Rim campus office to let us know your travel plans and arrival time. The office phone number is (360) 678-5586. Office hours are 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM ***Pacific Daylight Time***. The email address to use is mosa@pacificriminstitute.org. If no other points of contact are working and your call is urgent, the director's cell phone is 360-969-0131.

FLYING

From Seattle's Sea-Tac Airport **you will need ground transportation to Whidbey Island.** The most convenient transportation is the *Whidbey-SeaTac Shuttle* from Sea-Tac airport to Coupeville where we will meet you. For reservations call 877-679-4003 or visit www.seatacshuttle.com. **Please review the shuttle schedule before making your round trip flight reservations. It is a 2 hour trip to and from the airport on the shuttle and you must land at Sea-Tac airport at least 45 minutes before the scheduled departure of the bus for Whidbey Island and Coupeville.**

DRIVING

If you are driving or being dropped off, you can go directly to Camp Casey Conference Center at 1276 Engle Road, Coupeville, WA 98239. We will be in the BOQ building. You can view a map and directions at the Camp Casey website, <http://spu.edu/depts/casey/index.asp>. Even if you are driving please still contact us head of time with your arrival plans.

OTHER

Other methods of transportation to Coupeville can be tricky, but give us a call if you have any questions.

DEPARTURE

Classes end at noon on August 12, 2016. You should plan to leave campus late afternoon or evening on that day or no later than **Saturday morning**. Please plan on two - three hours travel time from Coupeville to the Seattle airport.

Textbooks and class supplies:

Your professors will notify you directly about what textbooks and special gear/supplies you should bring. You can also view your course syllabus in your account on the Au Sable website.

Because these are condensed courses, please plan to have your textbooks for the first day of class. We will take you to town on the first day so you can buy any class supplies that you don't bring with you.

What to bring:

You will be spending a substantial part of your days learning and working outside, so layered clothing and raingear are essential. The following items are suggestions of what to bring in addition to your professor's requests:

warm, field-oriented clothing
rain jacket
hiking boots
sneakers
sweater or polar-fleece jacket
flashlight or headlamp
reusable water bottle

Sleeping bag
* towel
* pillow, bed linens and blankets
casual clothing for Sunday services
optional (if you have them) camera,
binoculars, field guides

*We do not provide bed linens, blankets, or towels. Many students find a sleeping bag most convenient but we suggest you also bring a sheet for warmer nights. You will need a sleeping bag if your class takes overnight field trips – please confirm with your professor.

Housing accommodations:

We have the great privilege of staying in the BOQ building at Seattle Pacific University's Camp Casey Conference Center. <http://www.spu.edu/depts/casey/> Lodging is simple and all students will be provided with a twin-sized bed and will share a dresser with their roommate(s). You will be sharing a room with one or two of your colleagues, so please keep space limitations in mind as you pack. These facilities are located right on the beach and we have access to many hiking and running trails, as well as some athletic fields and an outdoor pool, during our stay. Laundry facilities are available on site. Please do not bring any unnecessary valuables – think simple!

About the Pacific Rim campus:

The Pacific Rim campus is located on Whidbey Island in the Puget Sound between Vancouver, BC and Seattle, WA. From the Pacific Rim campus the Olympic Peninsula Mountains can be seen to the west, and Mount Baker and the Cascade Mountains can be seen to the east. The campus has forest and glacial outwash prairie and the ocean shore is a short distance away. During the summer months, Whidbey Island receives very little rain as it is within the rain shadow of the Olympic mountain range. Summer days are comfortable and sunny (highs

typically in the high 60s or low 70s); mornings and evenings are cool (sometimes in the 50s) with occasional ocean fog rolling in.

Whidbey Island has many natural and cultural features including five state parks, Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, farmland, and historic Coupeville on Penn Cove. The Whidbey Island shoreline has diverse coastal bluffs and estuarine ecosystems. Tide pools display a remarkable array of sea life. Orcas (if you are lucky) and harbor seals and shore birds can be observed just off shore.

Media and communication:

Wireless Internet access is available at the PRI campus – though not always at Camp Casey housing. Two computers connected to a printer are available for students to share to print papers or for other academic use. Bring your own laptop or tablet if you have one. Plan on using the internet only for course work, essential communication and studies.

Mail is delivered to the Pacific Rim campus daily. You are welcome to mail belongings to us before you arrive if you don't want to pack it. You will be able to purchase stamps and send mail from the PRI office. The address for personal mail during your stay is:

Your Name
Pacific Rim Institute
180 Parker Road
Coupeville, WA 98239

We look forward to your participation in our summer program. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Warm Regards,

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