



February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Student,

Welcome to the Au Sable Institute summer program at the Pacific Rim Institute campus! We look forward to seeing you out here in the Pacific Northwest soon.

**Session Dates: July 15<sup>th</sup> – August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

### ***TRAVEL LOGISTICS***

You will receive an email from me in early June that that will include a Google form for you to input all of your travel information whether flying or driving. If you have any further questions please email [mosa@pacificriminstitute.org](mailto:mosa@pacificriminstitute.org) or call at (360) 678-5586.

### **ARRIVAL**

You are to arrive prior to 7 PM on Sunday, July 14, 2019. If arriving by plane this means that your flight needs to land no later than 3:00 PM at SeaTac airport in order for you to catch the Whidbey-SeaTac shuttle (see below) that will get you to Coupeville by 7 PM. Further details can be found under the “flying” section below. The earliest you may arrive to campus is Saturday, July 13, 2019. *The first meal that will be provided however, is Sunday dinner at 6 PM*

### **DEPARTURE/RETURN HOME**

**The session officially ends at 12 PM on Thursday, August 15, 2019.**

If you are using the Whidbey-SeaTac shuttle service, the earliest shuttle you can book leaves at 2:30 PM, meaning your flight cannot depart from SeaTac any earlier than 6 PM (you should allow a minimum of 4 hours of total time between getting picked up at your shuttle stop near our campus, and arriving at the airport). It is best to arrange your departure from campus in the late afternoon or early evening on Thursday, August 15. The latest you can depart from campus is Friday, August 16 at 12 noon. Again, please book a shuttle that departs Coupeville (near our campus) no later than 4 full hours prior to your flight departure time.

### **FLYING**

If you are flying in **you will need to arrange ground transportation** from the airport to Whidbey Island. The most convenient mode of transportation is the [Whidbey-SeaTac Shuttle](#). The shuttle picks you up at Door 00, which is right by Baggage Carousel #1. You will need to book the shuttle to the Coupeville stop where one of the RAs will meet you. **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 shuttle for Whidbey Island and Coupeville. Don't book a return flight any earlier than 4 hours after the shuttle departs Coupeville for the airport.**

### **DRIVING**

If you are driving yourself or being dropped off, you can go directly to Camp Casey Conference Center at 1276 Engle Road, Coupeville, WA 98239. You will be living in the BOQ building for the duration of your stay. The BOQ is a long, two-story building located between the Colonel's houses

on the north side of campus. A map of the campus and directions can be found on the [Camp Casey website](#).

## ***COURSE LOGISTICS***

### **COURSES**

You will be taking two different courses during your time here. Class schedules vary depending on the week and any overnight trips that are taking place. You will meet with each class two days a week and have an Integration Day on Wednesdays, with the exception of the first week where Integration Day is on Monday, the opening day.

### **Textbooks and Class Supplies**

Your professors will notify you directly about what textbooks and special gear/supplies you should bring. Please review your course syllabus in your Populi account on the Au Sable website. ***These are condensed courses so please have your textbooks for the first day of class.*** You can send them directly here if you do not wish to travel with them, the campus address is: **180 Parker Road, Coupeville, WA 98239**. Include your name in the address. After the Opening Day, you'll get to go shopping for any necessary course or personal supplies you may need.

### **What to bring:**

These are field intensive courses so you will be spending a substantial part of your days learning and working outside. **Layered clothing and rain gear** are essential. Here are some suggestions of what to bring in addition to your professor's requests:

warm, field-oriented clothing	*sleeping bag
rain gear (jacket, at least)	*towel
hiking boots	*bed sheets, blanket, and pillow
tennis shoes	casual clothing for Sunday services
sweater/polar-fleece jacket	optional: camera, binoculars, field
flashlight/headlamp	guides, water bottle, and ear plugs
**sleeping pad	(the BOQ is an old building and sound travels easily)

\*At the very least you must bring bed sheets, blanket/sleeping bag and a towel.

Many students find a sleeping bag most convenient but we suggest bringing a sheet for warmer nights, as well as a fitted sheet for your twin bed.

\*\*Sleeping pads and sleeping bags are need for overnight trips, check with your professor or course syllabus for these. (*We do have a small number of sleeping pads available, but if you already have one please bring it.*)

### **Housing Accommodations:**

We have the great privilege using the BOQ building as guests of Seattle Pacific University's Camp Casey Conference Center. 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 up to three of your peers, so please keep space limitations in mind as you pack. These facilities are located right on the beach and you will have access to many hiking and running trails, as well as some athletic fields and an outdoor pool, during your stay. Laundry facilities are available on site. ***Think simple as you pack!*** Do not bring any unnecessary valuables or large items.

### **About the Pacific Rim Campus:**

The Pacific Rim campus is located on Whidbey Island in the Puget Sound between Vancouver, BC and Seattle, WA. We are four miles from your lodging at Camp Casey. From the Pacific Rim campus, you can view the Olympic Mountains to the west, and Mount Baker and the Cascade Mountains to the east. The campus has forest and glacial outwash prairie with over two miles of trails, and the ocean shore is a short distance away.

**Whidbey Island Climate:**

During the summer months, Whidbey Island receives very little rain as it is located in the rain shadow of the Olympic mountain range. Summer days are comfortable and sunny; highs are typically in the high 60s/low 70s. The mornings and evenings are cool and usually accompanied by a slight ocean breeze and foggy mornings are common as the summer progresses.

Whidbey Island has many natural and cultural features including five state parks, Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve (a unit of the National Park Service – the first of its kind in the world – worth reading up on before you arrive), 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 and Minke whales (if you are lucky), harbor seals, eagles and shore birds can all be observed from the shoreline.

**Media and Communication:**

Wireless internet access is available at the PRI campus – but is very sporadic and slow at Camp Casey. A computer connected to a printer is available on the PRI campus 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 communications and studies.

Mail is delivered to the Pacific Rim campus daily. You are welcome to send some of your personal belongings to us before you arrive. You can purchase stamps and send mail from the PRI office. The address for personal mail during your stay is:

c/o  
Pacific Rim Institute  
180 Parker Road  
Coupeville, WA 98239-3617

We look forward to getting to know you and facilitating your participation in the Au Sable Summer Session. If you have any additional questions, please call or email us. Be on the look-out for further communication from me and the RA's as we get closer to your arrival!

Warm Regards,

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