

**Virginia Tech Department of Geography**  
**World Landscapes: New England, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Quebec – 2009**  
**(GEOG 3954, GEOG 5954) – 6 credits**  
**Virginia Student Application Package**

The Virginia Geographic Alliance and the Virginia Tech Department of Geography will conduct another World Landscapes summer institute for Virginia teachers and students, this time in the Northeastern US, Eastern and French Canada. It will include:

- an orientation meeting prior to the trip
- books, maps, and field guides about places and environments enroute
- guided observations of natural and human landscapes
- field explorations led by knowledgeable local geographers
- conversations with local inhabitants
- opportunities to develop photo/audio documentaries for instructional use
- access to our web site concerning the geography of the United States and Canada
- use of Geospatial Technology: GPS & GIS

**Trip itinerary:**

Date	Day	From	To	Accommodations	Activity
29-Jun	Mon	Washington, DC	Boston, MA	Northeastern U	Train ride to Boston
30-Jun	Tue			Northeastern U	Freedom Trail – Bunker Hill, Old North Church
1-Jul	Wed			Northeastern U	The Big Dig, evolution of Boston landscapes
2-Jul	Thu	Boston, MA	Portland, ME	Holiday inn by the bay	Train to Portland, ME free afternoon for personal explorations
3-Jul	Fri	Portland, ME	Yarmouth-Halifax, NS	Mt. St. Vincent Dorms	CAT ferry to Yarmouth, NS – bus to Halifax, NS
4-Jul	Sat			Mt. St. Vincent Dorms	Urban Planning and Land Use
5-Jul	Sun			Mt. St. Vincent Dorms	Tidal Bore in the Bay of Fundy, historical, cultural, economic geography
6-Jul	Mon	Halifax, NS	Louisbourg-Ferry	seat on ferry	The Fortress at Louisbourg, dinner in Sydney, ferry ride overnight to Newfoundland
7-Jul	Tue	Port au Basques, NL	Lomond, NL	camp bunk	Hike Gros Morne (806m) to an Arctic Landscape, The
8-Jul	Wed			camp bunk	Tablelands – Earth's mantle exposed, Lake boat tour
9-Jul	Thu			camp bunk	
10-Jul	Fri			camp bunk	
11-Jul	Sat	Lomond, NL	Port au Basques, NL	ferry seat	Recreational developments in Western Newfoundland, dinner in Port au Basques, overnight ferry ride to NS
12-Jul	Sun	N. Sydney, NS	Truro, NS	on train	Train ride to Montreal, New Brunswick, French Canada along the Gaspé peninsula
13-Jul	Mon	Truro, NS	Montreal, QC	DoubleTree Hotel	urban neighborhoods of Montreal
14-Jul	Tue			DoubleTree Hotel	Place and identity in Montreal
15-Jul	Wed	Montreal	DC		train home, change in Penn Station, NYC (arrive DC 1AM 16-Jul)

**THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR BEING THERE**

Virginia Tech geographers Bill Carstensen and Robert Morrill will lead the group. Each participant will receive 3 Virginia Tech credits for Geography 3954 or Geography 5954 (Study Abroad) in the spring of 2009, and another 3 credits for the same course in the summer of 2009. For Virginia Tech students, sign up for the courses on-line through Hokie

SPA. For non-Virginia Tech students, contact both Virginia Tech admissions about the Commonwealth Campus program and your home departments for transfer information.

### **Overview**

World Landscapes is a 17 day, full-immersion experience in the physical and human landscapes of the Northeastern US, Maritime Canada, Newfoundland, and French Canada through on-site investigations. Accordingly, this course has two primary aims. After this experience, the participants will be able both to *describe* the differences that exist from place to place in the contemporary physical/economic/cultural landscape of portions of Canada, and to *explain* these differences as a consequence of variations in both the physical landscape and the ways in which it has been perceived and utilized. Specific course goals include:

- To arrive at a functional knowledge of the Northeastern US and portions of Canada, specifically Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Quebec.
- To understand the cultures of the areas visited, including the origins and transformations.
- To understand the current economic and social issues of the areas visited.

### **Course requirements:**

- Internet and email completion of web-based assignments during the spring of 2009.
- Photographic documentation of the trip for presentations to students and colleagues.
- A daily journal of reflections on explorations both local and from the train, boat and bus.
- Selected readings.
- Participation in discussions of physical and cultural landscapes with the leaders and other participants.
- Completion of "Sense of Place" inventories at selected locations on the trip.
- Use of GPS to assist in documentation of the experience
- A final illustrated landscapes paper

For additional applications and information concerning payment of costs for the institute, contact:

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Additional application materials are also available from our web page at:

**<http://www.geography.vt.edu/worldlandscapes/2009/>**

The web site provides the most up to date itinerary information and access to photographs from the previous trips.

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<b>Basic Trip Cost payable to Geography includes transportation from Washington, DC and return, accommodations, local leaders, activities and entry fees, many meals</b>	<b>\$2500</b>
<b>VT Tuition &amp; Fees Study Abroad 3 credits<sup>1</sup> (one appropriate for your case)</b> <b>Undergraduate – Virginia Resident @ \$766.50</b> <b>Graduate – Virginia Resident @ \$1183.50</b> <b>Undergraduate – Non-Virginia Resident @ \$2054.00</b> <b>Graduate – Non-Virginia Resident @ \$2153.00</b>	<b>\$766.50 - \$2153.00</b>
<b>Many meals are provided. We estimate for non-included meals at \$30 per day - \$10 per meal. Plan on bringing this funding with you.</b>	<b>\$320</b>
<b>Poole Scholarship (VT geography majors and graduate students only)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>variable</b>
<b>Total, before scholarship</b>	<b>\$3586.50 – \$4973.00</b>

Personal Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_ - - - \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

2008-2009 Academic Year Information:

College or University Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School/cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Major \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Course offers 3 credits in the spring of 2009 and 3 more in summer II. This arrangement allows for the on-line courses in the spring of 2009, and a reduced tuition cost in the summer for VT students. Students from other universities may complete the on-line assignments so they are in sync with the VT students, but need not pay tuition (or receive credits) in the spring.

<sup>2</sup> All VT geography students will be considered for Poole scholarships based on the contents of your applications. No additional Forms must be used.

**Qualifications:**

Undergraduate and/or Graduate Courses/Degrees in Geography:

Please note any significant travel experiences within the US or abroad:

Cumulative GPA: overall \_\_\_\_\_ in major: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Hours Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Written Statement:**

Finally, and **very** important, on a separate sheet, write a short essay (1 page maximum in 10 point type) explaining why you would like to participate in the course. Include information on the following:

- Why are field experiences valuable?
- What are some things you expect to learn on this trip?
- How might this trip change your perspective on landscapes and people of the United States and Canada?
- How will this course enhance your academic interests while at Virginia Tech?

**Applications must be received by January 10, 2009 -- Applicants will be notified of acceptance by January 16, 2009 so as to sign up for the spring portion of this class. Early applications are appreciated for our planning purposes and time of submission will be a factor in our making Poole scholarship awards.**

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