

# Building a Green Recovery



US-EU-Canada Contemporary Policy Changes

GTTL 599 - 5 Credits

SIS 590 - 1 Credit

Program Director: Greg Shelton

June 21, 2010 - July 23, 2010

Building a Green Recovery is a new UW summer program that integrates the academic study of North American and European policy making with real-life exposure to contemporary policy challenges related to environmental degradation and economic growth.

The program, hosted in Seattle and Vancouver, will provide students with opportunities to interact with policy makers, to analyze real-world economic and environmental challenges, and to learn about potential future policy career options.

Through seminars, guest lectures and site visits, students will explore topics such as sustainability, resource management, regional development, and economic competitiveness in the global economy. This trans-border program will compare and analyze the different approaches taken by the US, Canada, and the EU, in tackling some of the most pressing economic and environmental issues of our time. What are the US, the EU, and Canada doing differently in addressing these challenges? Do they have similar goals and methods? To what degree can they cooperate and share best practices?

The program features a series of guest lectures by local policy practitioners working in these areas. Students will also participate in a complementing series of site visits to Pacific Northwest organizations and businesses that are involved in, or affected by, the policy making processes covered in the program.

The site visits will afford students the opportunity to learn about career options with practitioners in the field. Site visits include an overnight stay in Victoria to visit the BC provincial capital, and a trip to Whistler BC, home of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

*This program is administered by the European Union Center of Excellence of Seattle and the Canadian Studies Center, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington. In cooperation with the Institute for European Studies University of British Columbia.*



## **Courses & Program**

The Summer Quarter 2010 program will focus on how EU, Canadian, and US policy makers are trying to build a sustainable economic recovery in their respective societies. The program is built around a seminar-style course that will feature background lectures on the current economic crisis, the context for policy making and implementation in the three nations/regions, and a review of selected cases of industrial or societal actors attempting to make the transition to a greener economic model. The course culminates in student project presentations focusing on practical policy recommendations for promoting sustainable alternatives in industry and society. The core seminar (GTTL 599) will be taught by the program's director, Greg Shelton (Managing Director of GTTL, and Affiliate Instructor of Canadian Studies). The main seminar is 5 credits, and site visit participation (SIS 590) is 1 credit. Students will be awarded 6 UW credits upon the successful completion of the program.

## **Facilities & Housing**

Courses in Vancouver will be held at the UBC campus at the Institute for European Studies. Students will be housed in University of British Columbia single-room dorm and will have access to the UBC library, Internet connection, and other campus facilities. For the overnight stay in Victoria, students will be accommodated in University of Victoria housing. Housing costs at the UBC, and at the University of Victoria, are covered by the program fee.

## Eligibility

The program is open to all UW upper-level undergraduate students and graduate students with an interest in economic and environmental policy making challenges the US, the EU, and Canada face in rebuilding their economies. There are no program prerequisites to participate. Applicants should submit a **program application**, an official university transcript, a two page statement of purpose to the EU Center by March 19, 2010. The Center may conduct interviews as part of the selection process and will notify all candidates of the program's decision in writing.

## Program Costs

The program fee is \$1650 USD and includes Canadian housing costs, travel to and from Vancouver, BC, instructional costs, program trips, and events. The program costs do not include meals, Seattle housing costs, textbooks, personal expenses, or fees charged by IPE (\$250 for all UW students).

## Program Payment Schedule

Signed program payment contract, and \$350 non-refundable deposit due **April 2**.

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\$500 payment due **April 16**.

\$800 final payment due **July 30**.

**Total fees: \$1650**

The administrators reserve the right to modify the program fee based upon dollar devaluation or severe cost inflation.

## **Withdrawal & Refund Policy**

Students withdrawing from the program by April 30 will be responsible for the non-refundable \$350 deposit, plus any fees charged by IPE. Students withdrawing after April 30 will be responsible for a percentage of the entire program fee, plus any fees charged by IPE. All withdrawal notices must be made in writing to the EUC and IPE. No refunds will be given after the program starts. All fees are paid to the University of Washington's International Programs & Exchanges office. See IPE website for full details on payments and withdrawal policies (including emergency withdrawals).

## **Program Enrollment**

Students in this program will be concurrently enrolled at the University of Washington and will maintain financial and scholarship eligibility. Credits will be recorded on the students' UW transcripts and may be applicable to graduation requirements. All participating students must complete an online pre-departure orientation at:

<http://ipe.washington.edu/domestic/orientation.html>



## **Questions**

Questions regarding the program can be directed:

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