

Haida Gwaii Semester in Community Resilience

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What are Haida Gwaii Semesters?

Haida Gwaii Semesters intensive 14-week programs designed for senior undergraduate students from a wide range of universities and disciplines. Each semester provides a full course load, including four courses that run in successive three-week blocks and a fifth project-based seminar offered weekly throughout the entire term. Each program has a different classroom space, depending on which community the program operates in primarily. In addition to in-class lectures and course work, students will also explore the incredible natural environments, meet with local experts and knowledge holders, and become immersed in the Haida Gwaii community.

What is Semester in Community Resilience?

This program is designed for students from interdisciplinary backgrounds who have completed the first two years of an undergraduate degree. With its roots in complex adaptive systems theory, resilience includes the ability to: persist in the face of challenges, adapt to changing circumstances and new realities, or transform to fundamentally new paths for development. Using a transdisciplinary, cross-cultural approach, this program explores the intertwined nature of people, place, and environment from the perspective of resilience theory drawing on Indigenous science and ways of knowing, and Western science and ways of knowing. The courses introduce the theory of resilience as it can be applied to cross-cultural community settings, using case studies from communities on Haida Gwaii and other exceptional cases.

Courses

- **HGSE 370 - Introduction to Resilience Theory in Community**
- **HGSE 371 - Re-storying History: Indigenous Perspectives**
- **HGSE 372 - Language and Cultural Continuity**
- **HGSE 381 - Ecological Economics**
- **HGSE 373 - Community Planning and Development for Resilience Seminar**