

## Course Overview

This course explores two interrelated themes:

- 1) the concept of **sense of place** with respect to coastal communities (including island communities)
- 2) the unique **threats** to and **opportunities** for building

## Course readings

There are no textbooks for this course. Mandatory readings, around which the course is has been designed, will be posted on the CourseSpaces site. Reading – and engaging with the readings (highlighting, underlining, taking good notes etc.) – is essential for your enjoyment of and success in this course.

## Notes on learning expectations

1. Think deeply about why you are here and what you want to get out of your experience at UVic in the short time you'll be here. Use this time wisely to develop skills and good habits around critical thinking\*, effective written and visual communication, working with others, problem solving, empathic listening, organization, perseverance, and initiative.
2. I consider such skill development and good habit formation as being at least as important as content mastery in this course. While I want you to learn

## Course Experience Survey

I value your feedback on this course. Towards the end of term, you will have the opportunity to complete an anonymous survey regarding your learning experience (CES). The survey is vital to providing feedback to me regarding the course and my teaching, as well as to help the department improve the overall program for students in the future. The survey is accessed via MyPage and can be done on more detailed information nearer the time but please be thinking about this important activity during the course.

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