

# INNOVATION, ETHICS, AND SOCIETY

# HOLDEN VILLAGE

## J-TERM 2027



## COURSE OPTION

HIST 248 (ES)

## PREREQUISITE

2.0 minimum GPA

## CREDITS

4

## APPLICATION

- Apply online at [studyaway.plu.edu](https://studyaway.plu.edu)
- Application Requirements:
  - \$50 non-refundable application fee
  - Application questions
  - 3 short-answer essays (250 words each)
  - 1 faculty recommendation
  - Following the online application process, you may be contacted by the faculty leader(s) for an interview
- April 15th: Application Deadline
- May 8th: Decision Date

## PROGRAM FEE

- Final program fee will be determined April 1, 2026. Check [studyaway.plu.edu](https://studyaway.plu.edu) for pricing and details about inclusions and exclusions.
- \* Global Scholar Award eligible (25% reduction of program fee)

## COURSE OVERVIEW

In HIST 248, students study social innovation methods and sustainable practices while living in an intentional wilderness community. We'll explore how purpose-driven organizations operate, key stages in the innovation process (design thinking), and the importance of ethical reflection as it relates to humanitarian initiatives and environmental causes. Students who complete HIST 248 will satisfy the "Examining Self and Society" (ES) requirement in PLU's General Education program. HIST 248 is also a gateway course in the Innovation Studies minor. Holden Village is a remote wilderness community in the North Cascade Mountains, above Lake Chelan, Washington. It began as a copper mining town, but in 1962 became a retreat center and intentional community focused on education, spiritual growth, and sustainable practices. It's a place to unplug (i.e. no cell service) and to renew relationships with self, others, the sacred, and the earth. While Holden is rooted in the Lutheran tradition, the community is spiritually diverse, all people are welcome, and the village intentionally works to cultivate a more just, sustainable, and compassionate world.

## FACULTY LEADER

**Michael Halvorson**  
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