



The Circumpolar Studies program

is a new way for students attending University of the Arctic member institutions to learn about the North, with courses held in the classroom, online, outdoors and around the world. The Circumpolar Studies program gives you the

opportunity to learn about the lands, peoples and issues of the circumpolar world and prepares you for advanced study or professional employment in fields as diverse as sustainable resource management, self-government,

arctic engineering and northern tourism. Special emphasis is given to matters concerning indigenous peoples of the circumpolar North.



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What Courses Do I Take?

The Circumpolar Studies program consists of two components: BCS (Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies) Core and Advanced Emphases.

The BCS Core consists of an introduction and six courses in three interdisciplinary fields of study that provide students

with a broad knowledge and understanding of the lands, peoples and critical issues of the circumpolar world.

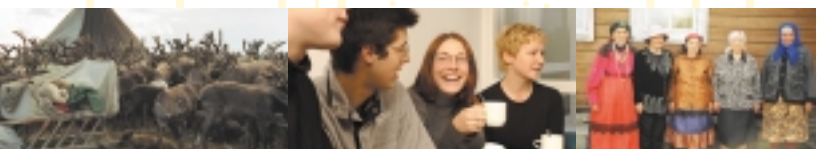
- BCS 100: Introduction to the Circumpolar World
- BCS 311: Land & Environment I
- BCS 312: Land & Environment II
- BCS 321: Peoples & Cultures I
- BCS 322: Peoples & Cultures II
- BCS 331: Contemporary Issues I
- BCS 332: Contemporary Issues II

Each online course is worth 6

ECTS (European Transfer Credit System) credits, equal to 3 standard North American credit hours.

Advanced Emphases are programs of study, roughly equivalent to a semester of schooling, that focus on the advanced research of an area, issue, or problem of particular relevance to the North and for its people. Currently available Advanced Emphases include Arctic Governance; Northern Scandinavian Politics and Society; Arctic

Environmental Technology; and Polar Oceanography and Meteorology. The UArctic website will have descriptions of all Advanced Emphases as they are developed and approved. Your home institution may offer an Advanced Emphasis that reflects its particular area of expertise. You may also choose to complete your degree at another member institution of the University of the Arctic that offers an advanced emphasis in your area of interest, with your home institution's approval.



How Do I Take the Courses?

The Circumpolar Studies program is designed for flexible delivery to meet the particular needs of northern students. At the same time, UArctic ensures that all students taking Circumpolar Studies courses share common knowledge, no matter where or how they

take them. You might take some courses in a traditional classroom setting at your home institution, study online in a global classroom, or take Circumpolar Studies courses on exchange to another UArctic institution through the north2north mobility program, in places such as Alaska, Canada, Finland, Norway, Russia or Sweden.

The University of the Arctic delivers the BCS Core online, and registration is open to students from all UArctic members. Tuition, if applicable, is paid to your home institution as for any course. UArctic's semester dates, designed to accommodate all member institutions, are as follows:

- Fall Semester:**
Sept. 15 - Dec. 15
- Spring Semester:**
Feb. 1 - Apr. 30

All online courses and web discussions are held in English; however, in some cases, arrangements may be made with your site coordinator to deliver assignments and write exams in your native language.

Onsite course offerings will vary between institutions and may be adapted in size and credits to fit national standards and internal rules. Contact your site coordinator or the University of the Arctic's Office of Undergraduate Studies for more information.



What Degree Do I Receive?

The University of the Arctic is not a credit or degree-granting institution. Member institutions will offer the Circumpolar Studies program in ways that suit their own unique circumstances. Some institutions may offer credit for the Circumpolar Studies online offerings as electives. Some

will incorporate various online and onsite courses into certificate and degree programs. Still others will use the Circumpolar Studies courses and Advanced Emphases as the basis of a full degree program. Students who complete the BCS introduction and core courses can receive a Certificate of Completion from the University of the Arctic.

The Circumpolar Studies program offers students unparalleled opportunities to learn about the North through interaction with students and faculty with similar experiences and interests at home and from around the world. The Circumpolar Studies program can provide you with relevant education and experience for future employment in the North;

networks, resources and field schools for advanced or graduate study of the North; opportunity to travel and learn about the cultures and peoples around the circumpolar world first hand; or simply the chance to learn about your surroundings from the perspective of other northerners. Find out how you can participate in

the coolest program around!



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