Courses
Arctic & Northern Studies offers courses in a variety of disciplines such as history and political science, as well as Alaska Native studies, anthropology, art, cross-cultural studies, English, and geography.

Sample Courses:
- Arctic Politics and Governance
- Comparative Environmental Politics
- Comparative Indigenous Rights and Policy
- Environmental History
- History of Alaska
- Imperial Russia
- International Relations of the North
- Modern Scandinavia
- Perspectives on the North
- Polar Exploration and Its Literature
- Polar Geography
- Research Methods and Sources in the North
- Twentieth Century History of the Circumpolar North
- Visual Images of the North

Careers
Arctic & Northern Studies prepares students to work in a wide variety of sectors and settings in the circumpolar north. Alumni are employed in government, the private sector, non-profit organizations, Native corporations, education, and journalism. Many M.A. graduates have gone on to Ph.D. programs.

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**Program Overview**

The Arctic & Northern Studies M.A. offers four specialized concentrations:

- **Arctic Policy**
- **Environmental Politics and Policy**
- **Individualized Study**
- **Northern History**

The M.A. is a 30 credit program, requiring at eight courses, two comprehensive exams, and a thesis or project.

**Program Curriculum**

**Program Features**

- Human dimension approach to Arctic studies
- Interdisciplinary program
- Close faculty-student interaction and mentorship
- Financial support for fieldwork and conferences
- Opportunities for internships, study abroad, and teaching assistantships

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