The Circumpolar Studies Program

The Coolest Program Around!
Introduction to the Circumpolar World introduces students to the landscape, peoples and issues of the circumpolar region. Beginning with an examination of the geography, biological and physical systems of the Subarctic and Arctic, it then turns to the Aboriginal and contemporary peoples of the region. The history of the Circumpolar World is treated in a broad fashion, to provide grounding in the events and developments that have created the region’s contemporary qualities. The second part of the course surveys some of the particular issues facing the region, including climate change, economic, political and social development. This course ultimately is intended to stimulate interest in the Circumpolar World.

Study Term Dates: January - April 2024

Course will be taught Asynchronous

Credit Equivalent: 6 ECTS

Students may be eligible for OSAP and/or Government funding.

Hosted by Yukon University & University of Northern British Columbia

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CS 312: Land and Environment of the Circumpolar World II

Land and Environment of the Circumpolar World II will provide students with a greater understanding of the complexity of important concepts and issues related to the land and environment of the North. The course deals with the impacts of natural and physical change on the peoples and conditions of the Circumpolar North. The course concentrates on three major fields for scientific study: (1) climate change, (2) natural resources, and (3) health and environment. Emphasis is given to the challenges of sustainability in the North, and to the need for long-term proper stewardship.

Study Term Dates: January 8th-April 5th 2024
Course will be taught Asynchronous
Credit Equivalent: 6 ECTS
Students may be eligible for OSAP and/or Government funding
Hosted by Trent University

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CS 322: Peoples and Cultures of the Circumpolar World II

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In Contemporary Issues of the Circumpolar World II, students will deal with questions relating to governance and politics, social issues, education and knowledge systems, and global issues in the North. This course will provide students with an appreciation of the main challenges confronting the peoples and communities of the world’s northern regions. It will be beneficial to those students attempting to better understand the current questions facing the North as well as to those planning to pursue advanced studies about the region. In this module, the complex issues around the revival of northern cultures and languages will be introduced, and you will be prepared to think about how these issues apply in your home community.
CAST 3241H: Histories of the Canadian North

Introduces students to major themes in the Canadian Northern history, from pre-contact to the creation of the territory of Nunavut in 1999. The major themes focus on evolving cultural, political, socio-economic, and environmental histories.
This course offers an introduction to a broad array of biological, ecological, political, economic, social and military security issues that make the present-day Arctic a focus of global interest. Students will acquire a thorough, cross-disciplinary understanding of key issues, challenges and developments in Arctic regional security and governance. Upon completion of the course, students should be able to draw on both historical knowledge, international relations theory and public international law to critically analyze and evaluate current events and future perspectives in the Arctic.