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The University of Washington is proud to be one of the first schools in the nation to offer an interdisciplinary minor in Arctic Studies, a partnership between the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies and School of Oceanography. The minor combines the natural and social sciences with the humanities to understand this critical region.

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ARCTIC STUDIES MINOR



The course gave me the opportunity to see the relationship between human rights and national policy within the Arctic issue-arena... inserting the human voice into national and international policy toward the Arctic was exciting and valuable to me.
– Task Force 2013 student

The Arctic is one of the most critical emerging regions of the world. The environmental, social, economic, and political changes occurring in the Arctic present challenges in both the natural and social sciences. Future leaders will be those who can combine interdisciplinary knowledge covering policy, culture, and science to address the unique and urgent challenges to the region.

Students may pursue research topics such as indigenous governance; adaptation of northern communities to environmental and social change; security issues (e.g., health issues, food sovereignty, education, culture, and language); northern economies; processes that control the physical changes in the Arctic, such as the impact of the atmosphere and ocean on sea-ice distributions and land ice melt; impact of physical changes on marine ecosystems and biodiversity; and the changing transportation pathways in the Arctic Ocean.

The minor in Arctic Studies is a joint collaboration between the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Oceanography in the College of the Environment, and University of the Arctic. It is a part of UW's *Future of Ice* initiative. The Canadian Studies Center serves as the hosting unit for the minor.

REQUIREMENTS

The minor requires a minimum of 28 credits including core courses:

- **ARCTIC 200** *Indigenous Diplomacies & International Relations in the Arctic* (addresses how Arctic indigenous organizations are working with nation-states in the Arctic)
- **OCEAN 235** *Arctic Change* (an interdisciplinary science-based look at what everyone should know about the Arctic today)
- **ARCTIC 401** *Current Issues in the Arctic Region* (taught by the Visiting Fulbright Chair in Arctic Studies – scientists, policy makers or indigenous leaders from Canada)
- **ARCTIC 400** *Integrating Policy and Science in Arctic Studies* (the integrative course that links the sciences to the social sciences)



Through these courses at the UW, I have come to appreciate that Inuktitut is more than a language, it is a culture. – Walter O'Toole, First Arctic Studies Minor, poses with Kublu and Mick Mallon, Inuktitut instructors from Nunavut

In addition, students are required to take 16 credits of electives including at least two courses from the social sciences and two from the natural sciences. At least one elective must be ranked a “North Star” course or have more than 33% Arctic content – courses are also available from University of the Arctic for this requirement.

For more information:

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