

Winter 2016

ARCTIC 400

Integrating Policy & Science in Arctic Studies



ONLY 8 SEATS AVAILABLE!

Instructor: Vince Gallucci | 3 credits | Wednesday | 2:30-4:20pm | SMI 305 | SNL 10441

***Core requirement for Arctic Studies Minor**

This course covers evolving issues in Arctic-related politics as climate changes world wide with a focus on the United States' current role as Chair of the Arctic Council. The course begins with a review of climate and ice change with an overview of likely consequences of increased access to underwater resources and to new transportation access. The shared governance by the Arctic Council, the Law of the Sea, and the legal regimes of the five extended national jurisdictions (EEZs) in the Arctic Ocean. Some of the consequences of the 2015 Paris Climate Change meetings will be examined.

The Arctic is examined as a geographic region containing the Arctic Ocean and five nations with littoral land on that ocean. A complex web of jurisdictions affect the search, conservation, and exploitation of renewable and non-renewable resources. The accompanying geopolitical issues include shipping and other scientific interests, to which the voices of the Asian nation states newly admitted to the Arctic Council can now be heard.