

ANTH 483

ARCTIC ANTHROPOLOGY

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Course Description and Objectives:

Arctic is home to unique ecosystems with fragile biological diversity as well as rich cultures celebrated by Indigenous Peoples and local communities. The goal of this course is to offer introduction into the broad array of the contemporary issues of the Circumpolar North with primary focus on Arctic Indigenous Peoples, Arctic knowledge systems, environmental stewardship, and policies. The core questions that will be addressed during this course are: What is Arctic today? and What is the place of humans in Arctic's past, present, and future? Course discussions, readings, and assignments are aimed to enhance the understanding of interconnections between Arctic climate, environment, and societies at the local and global scales.

Skills Development:

- Understand the unique place of the Arctic at the global scale
- Navigate across the challenges and solutions in relation to life in the Arctic
- Practice creative presentation design;
- Situate anthropological discourses in relation to the Peoples of the Arctic;
- Practice written and oral communication