Arctic and Northern Studies

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Arctic and Northern Studies Program (https://www.uaf.edu/arctic/)
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Arctic and Northern Studies Program
B.A., Climate and Arctic Sustainability

The B.A. in Climate and Arctic Sustainability is an interdisciplinary and innovative program that educates students on climate dynamics, as well as issues, opportunities and challenges specific to Alaska, the circumpolar North and the Arctic from a sustainability perspective. Program themes include climate change, environmental issues, Indigenous issues, subsistence, politics and history, national and international security, geography, energy resources, art and music, and literature. The degree prepares students to think critically about environmental change and the circumpolar North as a region in order to develop solutions to minimize the adverse impacts of change and work towards the sustainability of the region. The geographic location of UAF is outstanding for the study of the climate, environment and Northern issues, but students can pursue the major online as well.

Minimum Requirements for Climate and Arctic Sustainability Bachelor’s Degree: 120 credits

Learn more about the bachelor’s degree in climate and Arctic sustainability (https://uaf.edu/academics/programs/bachelors/arctic-northern-studies.php), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

M.A., Arctic and Northern Studies

Arctic and Northern Studies is an interdisciplinary program focused on the study of problems and policy issues related to the Arctic and circumpolar North.

Topics addressed by the program include:

- Alaskan history and politics
- Arctic politics and policy
- Arts and humanities in the North
- Climate change
- Northern Indigenous issues
- History of the circumpolar North
- Security studies in the North

At the University of Alaska Fairbanks (https://www.uaf.edu/), Arctic and Northern Studies students benefit from the extensive Northern expertise and research activities of UAF faculty, the rich Alaska and circumpolar collections of the UAF library and museum, and, of course, being surrounded by the North itself. Arctic and Northern Studies faculty have won major awards for excellence in teaching, research, and public service. Students have gone on to careers in academia, advocacy, higher education administration, the military, policy, and research.

Graduate Certificate, Arctic and Northern Studies

The graduate certificate in Arctic and Northern Studies provides working professionals and others with graduate-level educational training and skills development related to understanding, living, and working in the circumpolar North. In this certificate program, students will gain proficiency in environmental, political, historical, geographical, cultural, anthropological and other aspects of the North as well as knowledge of circumpolar Northern peoples, including Indigenous peoples and their unique challenges and opportunities.

Minimum Requirements for Arctic and Northern Studies Graduate Certificate: 15 credits

Programs

Degrees
- B.A., Climate and Arctic Sustainability (https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/climate-arctic-sustainability-ba/)
- M.A., Arctic and Northern Studies (https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/arctic-northern-studies/)

Graduate Certificate
- Graduate Certificate, Arctic and Northern Studies (https://catalog.uaf.edu/graduate-certificates/arctic-northern-studies/)

Minor
- Minor, Arctic and Northern Studies (https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/arctic-northern-studies/)