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ARCTIC STUDIES

**SPECIALIZATION OF THE MASTER'S PROGRAM
CULTURE, COMMUNICATION AND GLOBALIZATION**

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ARCTIC STUDIES AT AALBORG UNIVERSITY, DENMARK

Aalborg University offers an exciting, new specialization under the Master's programme Culture, Communication and Globalization, with a focus on Arctic communities and globalization. The region of interest in "Arctic Studies" (AS) is the Circumpolar North, including Greenland, the northern parts of Scandinavia, Canada, Alaska and Russia, the North Atlantic and the Polar Sea.

COURSES AND CONTENT

In an age of political, cultural and economic globalization when climate changes result in the opening of new shipping routes and access to hitherto inaccessible natural resources in the Arctic, the region is the object of increased global scientific, political and commercial attention. Not only Arctic states but also the EU, the US and Asian powers see themselves as stakeholders and are vying for access to and influence on the development of the region. The impacts of such engagement are likely to be great, both on the relationships between global actors and on Arctic communities, which are often small and characterized by unique cultural identities, economic and/or political dependency and structures only partly geared towards

local capacity and competence-building at the scale demanded by such massive pressures. Political, cultural, economic, social and environmental sustainable development thus becomes essential.



This specialization gives particular attention to studies in the human sciences within the areas of social and cultural encounters and exchange, inter-cultural communication, nation-building, geo-politics and globalization, governance and sustainable development. In lectures, relevant theories of identity-building, inter-cultural communication, international relations and sustainable development will be applied to case studies from across the Arctic.

THE SPECIALIZATION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MODULES (70 ECTS)

| MODULE | SEMESTER | ECTS | EXAM FORM |
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| 1. Cultures and histories of the peoples of the Circumpolar North. | 7th (1st) | 5 | Written exam: 48h take-home assignment (max. 10 pages). Graded. |
| 2. The Arctic in the Age of Globalization. | 8th (2nd) | 5 | Written exam: 48h take-home assignment (max 10 pages). Graded. |
| 3. Project oriented course (internship) with an emphasis on one or more dimensions of Arctic Studies. Alternatively, relevant studies in another programme /university with an emphasis on one or more dimensions of Arctic Studies. | 9th (3rd) | 30 | Portfolio exam. Graded. Alternatively, exams elsewhere. |
| 4. Master's thesis with an emphasis on one or more dimensions of Arctic Studies. | 10th (4th) | 30 | Written exam. Graded. |

ARCTIC STUDIES CAN BE FOLLOWED IN TWO DIFFERENT WAYS

- As an area specialization in the two-year Master's programme Culture, Communication and Globalization (CCG) (70 ECTS, certificate of specialization).
- As two modules of each 5 ECTS as part of another Master's programme (no certificate of specialization).

EXAMPLES OF LECTURES OFFERED IN ARCTIC STUDIES

- Cultures and histories of the peoples of the Circumpolar North
- International relations and global-local affairs in the Arctic
- Climate change and environmental discourses
- Arctic futures: voices, resources and governance
- Arctic cultures, identities and nation-building
- Self-government and economic independence in Greenland and Nunavut
- Sustainabilities - urban & community development
- Between tradition and modernity – how to do critical Arctic Studies
- Geopolitics and globalization: risk, tolerance and local participation in Greenland's emerging minerals industry.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The CCG programme constitutes a basis for employment as communication officers, project managers or case officers in internationally or interculturally oriented private or public enterprises or organisations. In particular, the Arctic Studies specialization prepares students for employment in areas of community development, tourism, culture dissemination and analysis, intercultural communication and local government in or with reference to the Arctic

ENROLLING IN ARCTIC STUDIES

Requirements for admission to Arctic Studies under the CCG Master's programme:

- a completed Bachelor's degree in humanities or social sciences. Please note: eligibility will depend on the extent to which the degree falls within subjects relevant to the programme, as well as an assessment of academic performance.
- for Danish students, a minimum of B-level English language proficiency.

Applicants with professional bachelor degrees in International Hospitality Management and International Sales and Marketing are eligible for applying to the CCG programme. Applicants with these professional bachelor degrees must in addition to the standard application form submit a description of their previous studies – including any internships and topics of major assignments or projects – as well as a one-page motivated application that documents the relevance of previous studies to the CCG programme.

FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Exchange students applying for the programme must have completed at least 4 semesters of bachelor studies to get enrolled into the programme.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-DANISH STUDENTS

The official language requirements for Non-Danish students are:

- IELTS (academic test): minimum score: 6.5
www.ielts.org or
- TOEFL (paper-based): minimum score: 550
www.toefl.org or
- TOEFL (computer-based): minimum score: 230
www.toefl.org or
- TOEFL (internet-based): minimum score: 80
www.toefl.org or
- Cambridge ESOL: minimum score: C1
www.cambridgesol.org.

The test has to be less than two years old, otherwise we cannot accept it.

Native English speakers are usually exempted.

Please find more information about entry and admission requirements, application forms and procedures, deadlines and tuition fees, etc. at www.apply.aau.dk

INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS THROUGH AN INTERNSHIP OR STUDY ABROAD

To enhance students' international opportunities through an internship or a study period abroad, Aalborg University has widespread connections with a range of organisations - from various UN agencies to NGOs, and government embassies to private companies - we continue to increase our international relations with host organizations around the globe.



AALBORG UNIVERSITY - WHERE TEACHING AND RESEARCH COME TOGETHER

Established in 1974, Aalborg University (AAU) is an internationally recognized institution that offers first rate academic programs. Our 19,000 students choose from over 60 different study programs within four faculties. AAU is one of Denmark's leading universities in innovative methods of cooperation with the surrounding world from the local to the international levels. Students are surrounded by a concentration of top quality research and study facilities. There are also a number of services to support you in your academic work - wireless networks, remote database access, a digital project library, and much more. Throughout the year there are many events and activities organized to help you get the most out of your Aalborg University and Danish experience.



INNOVATIVE LEARNING

Our learning model rests upon principles of interdisciplinarity, problem-based learning and project work. Today, we are one of the leading universities in this method - but what truly sets us apart is the close connection between students and faculty. It begins by students themselves identifying real-world problems, which they tackle through group projects in cooperation with their supervisor. In a recent OECD evaluation, our teaching model was applauded for being "optimal for learning".



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