

**LÆRA
INSTITUTE**



UArctic

INTRODUCING THE LÆRA INSTITUTE FOR CIRCUMPOLAR EDUCATION

7th UK Arctic Science Conference

Durham University
Durham, UK | 11 April 2022

UArctic founded in 2001 to promote circumpolar collaboration in education, research and outreach



Canada

35 members



Denmark/Greenland/Faroes

13 members



Finland

16 members



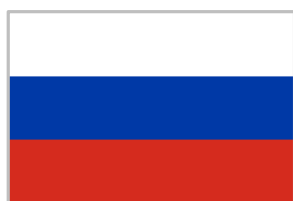
Iceland

10 members



Norway

15 members



Russia

52 members



Sweden

7 members



USA

30 members



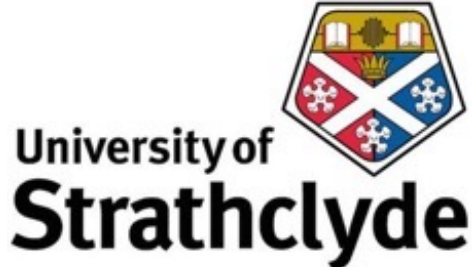
Non-Arctic

34 members

‘Empower people of Circumpolar North by providing unique educational and research opportunities’

Source: UArctic

10 British institutions are currently members of UArctic, including 7 Scottish universities in 'Scotland-Arctic Network'



Perhaps your institution should be amongst them?

Source: UArctic; universities shown (logos)

UArctic created Circumpolar Studies as undergraduate core curriculum available for use by all member institutions



UArctic CS Core Curriculum

- Introduction to the Circumpolar World
- Land and Environment of the Circumpolar World I & II
- Peoples and Cultures of the Circumpolar World I & II
- Contemporary Issues of the Circumpolar World I & II

All UArctic students eligible to take CS courses—
taught online even before pandemic

Source: *Shared Voices: The UArctic Magazine* (2017); UArctic

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Læra Institute established in autumn 2020 to help renew and revitalise UArctic Circumpolar Studies programme

Læra Institute founding and steering partners



UNIVERSITY of ALASKA
ANCHORAGE

(participation paused)

(joined 2021)

All UArctic faculty welcome to contribute
to work of Læra Institute

Source: Læra Institute; universities shown (logos)

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Læra Institute promotes shared understanding of Circumpolar Studies and borderless academic community

Curriculum criteria

Detailed topic specifications for Circumpolar Studies, to help UArctic members develop locally appropriate courses based on shared understanding

Exemplar materials

Example Circumpolar Studies courses and teaching resources, which UArctic members can use as models, adapt to local needs or teach 'off-the-shelf'

Faculty workshop

Regular meeting of UArctic member faculty teaching Circumpolar Studies courses, to share pedagogical research, best-practice and local insights

Student symposia

Regular meeting of UArctic member undergraduate students, to share learning, present own research and collaborate on joint activities

Recordings and transcript of first faculty workshop 'Circumpolar Studies Is...' available on our website

Læra Institute reaches out to wider academy by sponsoring conference sessions on Circumpolar Studies education



Calls for abstracts announced on our website

Source: Læra Institute; conference organisers shown (logos)

We have upcoming plans in which UArctic faculty and students are most welcome to be involved

End summer 2022

Roll-out of first set of Circumpolar Studies curriculum criteria and exemplar pedagogical material

Autumn 2022

Second faculty workshop in conjunction with 4th UArctic Congress (pending announcement of alternative venue or hybrid/online format)

Spring 2023

First undergraduate student symposium (planned as in-person/hybrid event originally postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions)

Rolling

Continued delivery of UArctic CS courses, and continued sponsorship of conference sessions on CS educational innovation and pedagogy

Don't hesitate to be in touch if you'd like to take part

Thank you

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