



University of the Arctic





UARctic is a cooperative network of universities, colleges, research institutes and other organizations concerned with education and research in and about the North.

UARctic builds and strengthens collective resources and collaborative infrastructure that enables member institutions to better serve their constituents and their regions.

Through cooperation in education, research and outreach we enhance human capacity in the North, promote viable communities and sustainable economies, and forge global partnerships.

UARctic was created through an initiative of the Arctic Council (Iqaluit Declaration 1998) and was officially launched in 2001.



Our Vision

*An Empowered
North – With
Shared Voices*



Our Mission

Empower the people of the Circumpolar North by providing unique educational and research opportunities through collaboration within a powerful network of members.



Our Values

Circumpolar
Inclusive
Reciprocal



How We Serve the North



UArctic benefits students, public and private sectors, and the North as a region by creating strong international collaboration among its members that:

- Creates shared knowledge, competences and resources by matching capacity to needs
- Connects traditional and indigenous knowledge systems with modern academia
- Partners with northern communities and indigenous populations to respond to their educational aspirations and requirements
- Bridges dialogue across different sectors and regions of the North, and with the world
- Builds shared services that facilitate and promote cooperation and collaboration
- Increases collaboration opportunities for our community of faculty, staff and students
- Promotes the collective views of its members and broadens the voice of the North in the world

UArctic membership at a glance



- 174 Members
- Higher Education Institutions and Other Organizations
- Associate members from outside the region

Students in member institutions (2012)

1 100 000

Teaching staff in member institutions (2012)

80 000

Circumpolar Studies

An exciting way for students attending University of the Arctic member institutions to learn about the North, with courses held in the classroom, online, outdoors, and around the world.



“Before BCS I’ve never had such an experience - to study by distance education...it was interesting to communicate with people from different countries. I felt my brain work, and I liked it.”

*Victoria Rudakova (Russia)
Arkhangelsk State Technical University*

Circumpolar Studies Graduates (as of 2011)

Certificates of Completion* 166

Certificates of Achievement 36**

* Core Courses + Advanced Emphasis

** Core Courses only

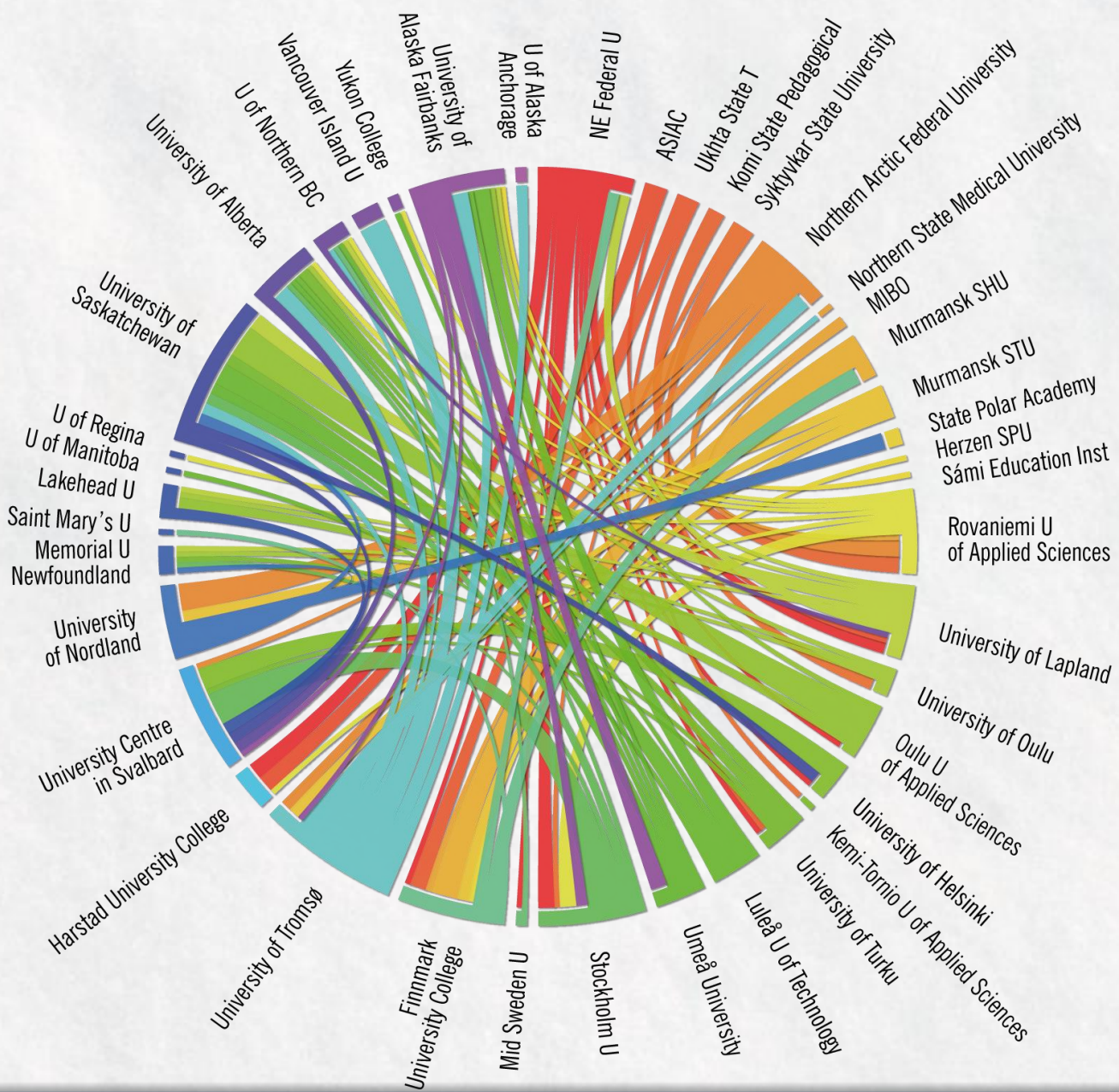
north2north Student Mobility

Student exchange program that allows students at UArctic institutions to visit different northern regions, and share experiences face-to-face, through study at other UArctic institutions.

north2north student exchanges (in 2012)

167





north2north 2012 student mobility
The width of the bars correspond to the number of students

	Out	In
Russia	53	14
Finland	40	20
Sweden	26	13
Norway	32	51
Canada	9	57
USA	7	12
Total	167	167

Thematic Networks

Groups of UArctic members working together on subjects of shared interest to create learning experiences for students, faculty and communities.



Thematic Networks

Arctic Coastal and Marine Issues
Arctic Engineering and Science
Arctic Extractive Industries
Arctic Law
Arctic Sustainable Arts & Design
Business Management in the North
Communicating Arctic Science
Digital Media and Media Arts
Distance Education and e-Learning
Energy in New Time
Environmental Impact Assessment of Industry
Contaminated Areas
Environmental Training and Education for Sustainable
Development of the Arctic (NETESDA)
Geology of the Arctic
Geopolitics and Security
Global Change
Health and Well-being in the Arctic
Indigenous Arts and Crafts
Local and Regional Development in the North
Natural Hazards
Northern Food Security
Northern Governance
Northern Tourism
Permafrost
Polar ice, climate and land dynamics
Social Work
The Verdde Program
World Images of Indigenous Peoples of the North



GoNorth & Catalogue

GoNorth assists members to promote their institutions as northern destinations of study to those outside the region

UArctic Catalogue provides a one-stop index of northern courses and programs offered by members

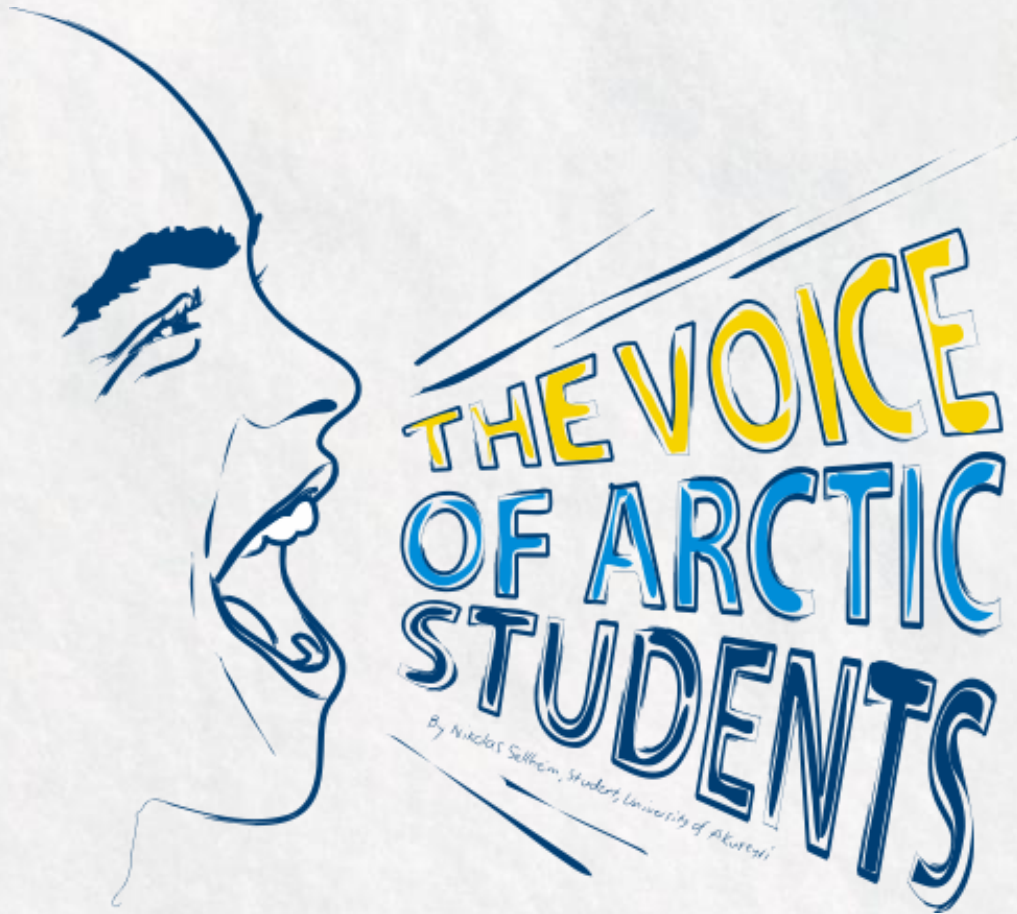
www.uarctic.org/catalogue



With Shared Voices



Student Experience



"Going North forces the realization upon students that there are people to whom the North is not the periphery but the centre; the realization that there are communities and individuals whose lives are deeply affected by the events they study."

*Mikkel Berg (Norway)
former Student Representative
UArctic Board of Governors*



Student Forums and Association

Student Forums accompany Rectors' Forums, giving students from across UArctic membership a direct voice

Creation of a UArctic Student Association has been endorsed and is being developed by student leaders



Governance

Council

- consists of representatives from all UArctic members
- decides on membership of UArctic and nominates members of the Board
- makes strategic decisions on UArctic's program development
- gives academic guidance for program implementation and delivery

Board of Governors

- internationally representative Board
- highest decision making body
- responsible for strategic development, institutional priorities and finances

Administration

Small, decentralized
administration based in
members across the region



UArctic Offices

President's Office

Arendal, Norway

International Secretariat

Rovaniemi, Finland

Vice-President Indigenous Office

Kautokeino, Norway

Thematic Networks Office

Oulu, Finland

Research Office

Arkhangelsk, Russia

Graduate Studies Office

Fairbanks, USA

Field School Program Office

Longyearbyen, Norway

Undergraduate Studies Office

Yakutsk, Russia

BCS Regional Office

Bodø, Norway

BCS Regional Office

Prince George, Canada

north2north Program Office

Alta, Norway

GoNorth Program Office

Tromsø, Norway

International Academic Office

La Ronge, Canada

Russian Information Center

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