

# ■ Circumpolar Studies

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The Trent School of the Environment offers a unique online diploma for students who wish to undertake a single academic year of study (September to April) focused upon the landscape, peoples, and contemporary issues of concern in the Circumpolar world. Students study of the Circumpolar region from a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives. Introductory courses begin with the examination of the geography, history, and biophysical and physical systems of the Sub-Arctic and Arctic regions. The diploma curriculum then turns to the Indigenous and contemporary peoples of the region, traditional economies and knowledge, governance systems, human security issues, and overall questions of economic development, cultural resilience, and environmental sustainability.

## Eligibility

Applicants must either be students registered in, or graduates of, an accredited post-secondary educational institution normally other than Trent University. An official transcript, including evidence of the content of courses completed and grades received, must accompany the application. Application to the diploma program should be made to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre at [ouac.on.ca](http://ouac.on.ca).

Only students enrolled in the diploma program may obtain the diploma. Trent students enrolled in a degree program may choose to complete the Option in Circumpolar Studies (see [p. 381](#)).

## Language Requirements

In accordance with University regulations, applicants must have a competence in written and spoken English.

## The Diploma

The diploma is awarded in the spring along with a Trent University transcript identifying all courses undertaken and grades received. Upon successful completion of the diploma, students may apply for admission to an undergraduate degree program at Trent University. Credits earned in the diploma program are transferable to a degree.

## Courses

- Students must obtain a minimum cumulative average of 60% in the courses in the program to qualify for the diploma.
- See Geography, Canadian Studies, Environmental & Resource Science/Studies, and Indigenous Studies for individual course descriptions.

**The Diploma in Circumpolar Studies** consists of the following 5.0 credits:

- 2.5 GEOG credits consisting of GEOG 1045H, 2320H, 2330H, 3390H, and 3640H
- 1.0 CAST credit consisting of CAST 3241H and 3243H
- 0.5 ERST credit consisting of ERST 3740H
- 1.0 INDG credit consisting of INDG 3745H and 3750H