



MODEL ARCTIC COUNCIL

Northern (Arctic) Federal University

Arkhangelsk, Russia

February 24-28, 2014

Northern (Arctic) Federal University invites Master and PhD students to take part in **the course "Model Arctic Council"**.

The goals of the Model Arctic Council are:

- to support already existing cooperation between the UArctic member institutions and between the UArctic and the Arctic Council
- to allow the high school youth to take on the roles of the various parties comprising the Arctic Council
- to give a possibility to young people to improve their knowledge on the Arctic issues and international politics

Students from different countries will gather to replicate the Arctic Council work and discuss the most pressing issues in the Arctic region. The students **will explore and have discussions** around the topics of vital importance to the Arctic and then present these issues from different stakeholders' positions in a face-to-face setting which will be organized during a **role - play course "Model Arctic Council" in Arkhangelsk, February 24-28, 2014.**

Before the face-to-face meeting in Arkhangelsk, the students will be expected to work with literature and to write down their position papers, which will be discussed during the sessions and evaluated by the experts. After the meeting in Arkhangelsk, the participants are expected to submit course papers. Winter school participant will be given **5 ECTS** after the course completion.

The meeting in Arkhangelsk will include **several working formats**:

1. 3-4 invited experts will present some of the key issues currently discussed by the Arctic Council, introduce the specificity of the Arctic Council and its activities and guide the participants through different topics related to the work of Arctic Council (February 25)
2. Simulation of the Arctic Council meeting (role game)(February 26-28)
3. Participation in the Day of the Arctic (February 28)



Simulation of the Arctic Council includes **three stages**:

1. Working Groups Sessions
2. Arctic Council Sessions
3. Ministerial Meeting

Working Groups session (February 26): Students will be assigned to represent a country/ an organization and they will select a working group in which they will work as representatives of an assigned country/organization (AMAP, EPPR, SDWG).

Arctic Council session (February 27): The second day will be a simulation of a Senior Arctic Official's (SAOs) meeting. In this part of the session, all members are divided into delegations and as members of a delegation they will work together to represent their country interests.

Ministerial meeting (February 28): Final day will be devoted to the simulation of a Ministerial meeting. All the participants will represent "the Member States" or "Permanent Participants" or "Observer organization" and argue their opinions on the problem discussed during the working group sessions.

Costs

Registered participants are expected to cover their costs for travelling and accommodation.

Deadline for applications: November 30, 2013, 2 p.m. (Moscow time).

NB! Please pay attention that non-Russian citizens need a visa to enter the Russian Federation. NArFU will assist all the participants in getting invitations. Getting the invitation is a first step towards getting visa. The invitation from NArFU are to be submitted together with a visa application form to the nearest Embassy/Consulate of the Russian Federation in your home country.

Contact information

If you are interested or do have any questions, do not hesitate do contact the organizing committee by email: **mac@narfu.ru**

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