

# Graduate Program Overview

## GRADUATE DEGREES IN ARCTIC AND SUBARCTIC FUTURES (ASF)

The School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies at the Labrador Campus offers a suite of graduate program pathways in Arctic and Subarctic Futures, including Master's (coursework), Master's (thesis), PhD, and Diploma options.

Learn more about this exciting opportunity to study and grow at the School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies at the Labrador Campus, situated on the beautiful homelands of the Innu and Inuit, in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador.

### Program Structure

The ASF program involves interconnected and interdisciplinary learning opportunities that set the foundations for strong Indigenous-led and Northern-focused research.

Each of the ASF program pathways has different requirements. There are six courses associated with this graduate offering, which can be taken in various combinations to achieve different learning pathways:

- SASS 6000: Learning Labrador
- SASS 6001: People, Place, and Identity
- SASS 6002: Indigenous and Northern-Led Theories and Methodologies
- SASS 6003: Developing Research Partnerships in Arctic and Subarctic Contexts
- SASS 6004: Arctic and Subarctic Indigenous Legal Traditions and Advocacy

While the six courses are part of all pathways and the content remains the same, the expectations for course assignments and student performance will differ depending on the program in which the student is registered.

### Program Pathways

The ASF graduate program pathways include Master's (coursework), Master's (thesis), PhD, and Graduate Diploma. Part-time and full-time options are available for all pathways.

#### Master's (coursework)

The Master's (coursework) option would normally require:

- Completion of all six SASS courses (18 credit hours)
- A **major project** that directly responds to Northern- and Indigenous-led research priorities.

#### Master's (thesis)

The Master's (thesis) option would normally require:

- Completion of four SASS courses (12 credit hours)
- Completion and defence of a **thesis project** that directly responds to Northern- and Indigenous-led research priorities.

#### PhD

The PhD option would normally require:

- Completion of four SASS courses (12 credit hours)
- Completion and defence of a **dissertation** that directly responds to Northern- and Indigenous-led research priorities.

#### Diploma

The diploma option would normally require:

- Completion of SASS 6000 & 6001 (6 credit hours)
- Completion of two additional SASS Courses (6 credit hours)



## After Graduation...

Students in the ASF program will develop skills in critical thinking and writing, community-led research methodologies and approaches, interdisciplinary knowledge integration, and leadership.

Graduates will be well-trained to pursue diverse career paths, particularly in Northern locations and for Northern-focused and Northern-led organizations.

## Potential career pathways:

- **Government and Non-Governmental Agencies:** including with Indigenous, municipal, provincial, territorial, and federal government agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations.
- **Industry, Business, & Services:** including employment opportunities in leadership roles in a range of industries and service areas in and serving the North, including businesses, research firms, legal work, and consultancies.
- **Academia, Research, and Consultancy:** including positions in academia, research, and consultancy in a diversity of disciplines. Additionally, graduates are qualified to work in a variety of positions within universities and colleges, including as faculty, researchers, staff, and instructors.
- **Land-Based Opportunities:** including opportunities to protect and preserve lands, waters, cultural sites, and natural resources through conservation, resource management, outdoor education, and stewardship.
- **Creative Industries:** including positions in media, arts, and culture, where you can channel your creativity into powerful storytelling and cultural expression.

## Admission Requirements

While normally an undergraduate degree is required for entrance to graduate studies, consideration of prior learning, professional background, and lived and cultural experiences relevant to the program will be considered for acceptance.

Minimum admission requirements for each program pathway are as follows:

- **Master's (coursework):** Bachelor's degree (minimum second class) in a relevant area of study.
- **Master's (thesis):** Bachelor's degree (minimum second class) in a relevant area of study.
- **PhD:** Master's degree in a relevant area of study and an excellent academic record OR 12 months in a Master's program and demonstration of exceptional ability to pursue research at the doctoral level OR Bachelor's degree with honours (or equivalent) and 5 years of related full-time professional experience.
- **Graduate Diploma:** Bachelor's degree (minimum second class) in a relevant area of study.

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