International Master Arctic Studies at Versailles University

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We started an International multidisciplinary on year (second year) Master on Arctic Studies at University Versailles-Saint Quentin en Yvelines in septembre 2010. Some twenty students from France, Russia, Greenland, and elsewhere are following a set of core courses in climatology en environmental sciences, economics and sustainability studies and humanities. For the optional courses, they can choose a specialisation in sciences and technology or humanities. The program includes also internships at the Observatory of Haute Provence at Institut Paul Emile Victor in Brest, France and a field trip to Copenhagen. An extension of the Master into a two year program is currently in preparation with the University of Lapland and the the North Estern Federal University of Russia at Yakoutsk to open in septembre 2012. This program trains futures specialist in the various fields mentioned above. It focusses in particular on the impact of climate change on Arctic societies.