

## **POL 3400F – Politics of the Arctic**

Most of us here in London, Ontario, rarely mention or even think about the Arctic. After all, the distance, for example, between Qikiqtarjuaq, Nunavut and London, Ontario is just over 2900 kilometers. However, Qikiqtarjuaq is located within a region of Canada which is key to our nation's domestic and geopolitical interests. In this course we will discuss such key issues related to Canada's Arctic interests as the 'rules based international order', indigenous peoples, economic and social development, and the environment. We will also learn about the Arctic Council which is the key multilateral institution and intergovernmental forum that encourages member and observer states and groups to cooperate within this vast, important and beautiful region of the world. We will finally discuss the 'United Nations Convention on the Laws of the Sea' (UNCLOS) which provides a legal framework for the navigation and use of oceans in the world – including the Arctic ocean. Join us this fall!

