

# SCAND 490: *Literatures of the Arctic*

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Mon & Wed // 12:30 - 2:20

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5 credits



## What is the Arctic?

The Arctic today is home to about 4 million people. But most temperate cultures have long imagined the Arctic as a dangerous wilderness of ice and snow. In this course, we'll study several literary representations of the Arctic, asking *what is the Arctic* from various perspectives, including Scandinavian and Sámi, Canadian, Inuit, and Greenlandic texts. We will examine texts that engage the complex histories and identities of Arctic peoples, both indigenous and colonialist, looking for the ideas and values that inform them. Writers and filmmakers we will study include: Fridtjof Nansen, Wanny Woldstad, Hanne Ørstavik, Nils-Aslak Valkeapää, Nils Gaup, Zacharias Kunuk, Zebedee Nungak, Tanya Tagaq, and more!