Ranking Criteria for the One Health in Northern communities and ecosystems courses:

Minimum number of attendants: 5 Maximum number of attendants: 24

1. Students enrolled in both courses will be prioritized over students only enrolled in the online course.

2. Evaluate Motivation Letters: Review the motivation letters for insights into the applicants' reasons for joining the course and their alignment with its objectives.

3. Assess Academic Diversity: Aim to select students from various academic disciplines to foster an interdisciplinary learning environment (natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, law, and health sciences).

4. Consider UArctic Affiliations and project partner institutions: Applicants affiliated with UArctic member universities (<u>https://www.uarctic.org/members/member-profiles/</u>) and partners in the project (INN, UIT, USN, University of Oulu, University of Faeroe Islands, University of Fairbanks and University of Calgary) should be given additional consideration.

5. Focus on Northern communities Engagement: Applicants actively involved in Northern-related work or research should be prioritized. This engagement indicates a deeper understanding and commitment to the unique challenges in the North, which is a significant focus of the course.

6. Aim for Gender Balance: Strive for a gender-balanced group to promote equality and a diversity of perspectives in the academic setting.