

# Scandinavian

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## Overview

The Department of Scandinavian offers undergraduate and graduate instruction in the languages, cultures, and literatures of northern Europe. Languages taught are Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, Swedish, and Old Norse-Icelandic. Lower division Reading and Composition courses based on Scandinavian materials are also offered. Lower and upper division lecture courses, all based on readings in English and open to those without a knowledge of Nordic languages, cover a wide variety of topics. The undergraduate major involves a program integrating the study of Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, or Swedish language with important aspects of Scandinavian culture and literature, and an undergraduate minor is also available. The graduate program leads to the PhD.

The department also administers the program in Celtic Studies (<http://bulletin.berkeley.edu/archive/2013-14/departmentsandsubjects/celticstudies>).

## The Major

The major emphasizes one of four Scandinavian languages (Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, or Swedish), but in their coursework students explore all phases of Scandinavian literature and cultural history from the medieval to the modern across national boundaries. The major affords students the opportunity to pursue interdisciplinary interests through Scandinavian departmental courses and through double majors with other fields. Several of the areas in which Scandinavia has made a major contribution to Western culture are history, drama, medieval literature, folklore, architecture, public policy, linguistics, international studies, peace studies, political science, film, economics, and environmental studies. Students should consult with the undergraduate faculty adviser early on for advising and course planning to assist in achieving their goals.

Total units for the major: 46.

## Lower Division Requirements (8 units)

Two courses taken from the following course sequences: Scandinavian 1A-1B (Swedish), 2A-2B (Finnish), 3A-3B (Norwegian), or 4A-4B (Danish), or their equivalents.

## Upper Division Requirements (38 units)

Nine upper division courses taken from the following:

1. Two courses of one advanced language course sequence: Scandinavian 100A-100B (equivalent of intermediate/advanced Danish, Norwegian, or Swedish, 4 units each), or Scandinavian 102A-102B (equivalent of intermediate/advanced Finnish, 4 units each).
2. Two history courses from the following (8 units): Scandinavian 123 (4), 127 (4), or 128 (4).

3. Five courses in literature, culture, or folklore chosen from the following (20 units): Scandinavian 106, C107, C108, C114, 115, 116, 117, 123, 125, 127, 128, 132, 140A, 140B, 150, C160, 165, 170, or 180 (4 units each). Note: The undergraduate faculty adviser may approve substitutions for relevant courses taken in other departments or colleges or from the Education Abroad Program. Since Scandinavian 140A-140B is not offered consistently, the upper division courses listed under history, literature, culture, or folklore can be used as substitutes by permission of the undergraduate faculty adviser.
4. Two courses of Scandinavian 149, Major Research (1 unit each): In addition to the nine upper division courses above, students must also take two 1-unit courses of Scandinavian 149, Major Research, in conjunction with any of the upper division courses listed under literature, history, culture, or folklore. These 149 research courses must be taken by permission of the relevant instructor and the undergraduate faculty adviser.

Current majors will also want to consult the link on our website detailing upcoming courses (<http://scandinavian.berkeley.edu/courses/courses.html>).

## Honors Program

Students must complete with distinction the courses required for the major as well as two semesters of Scandinavian 145, the Senior Seminar. A thesis is also required.

## The Minor

Total units for the minor: 20.

## Required Courses

Five upper division courses chosen in consultation with the undergraduate faculty adviser.

1. Minimum of one course in Scandinavian history: Scandinavian 123, 127, or 128.
2. Four electives.

Competency in a Scandinavian language is *not* required to take our upper division courses, which are usually taught in translation. Students interested in learning a Scandinavian language, however, may count both 100A and 100B (the second year courses in Danish, Norwegian, or Swedish) or 102A and 102B (second year courses in Finnish) toward the five course requirement.

**Note:** Students with credit from Education Abroad courses should consult with the undergraduate faculty adviser for help in determining requirement equivalencies.

## Education Abroad Program

The University of California offers students the opportunity of studying abroad in Sweden (Lund University) and Denmark (University of Copenhagen). These programs feature language study with courses in culture, history, literature, architecture, and other areas within the humanities and social sciences. Many of the courses may be applied toward language courses and upper division credit in the major or minor. Students must consult with the undergraduate faculty adviser for approval before they leave. Details for programs are available from Berkeley Programs for Study Abroad (<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu>), 160 Stephens Hall, (510) 642-1356.

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## Graduate Program

The graduate program in Scandinavian is designed for future scholars and teachers in the fields of Scandinavian language, literature, and cultural history. The Department's strengths lie in the areas of the modern literatures and film (Danish, Norwegian, and Swedish), and in Old Norse, folklore, and intellectual and cultural history. The Department is willing to consider applications from students with special interests in areas such as Scandinavian film, art and history. Prospective applicants interested in such areas may consult the graduate adviser or other faculty members and should detail their interests when applying for admission in their Statement of Purpose.

## Preparation

Prospective graduate students should have a strong knowledge of one Scandinavian language, a good reading ability in at least one other Scandinavian language, and knowledge of the broad outline of Scandinavian literary, cultural, and intellectual history. The BA in Scandinavian, or its equivalent, is ordinarily prerequisite to admission. Students with less preparation may be admitted under the stipulation that deficiencies be corrected.

## Master of Arts

Please note that the department does not accept applications for the MA as an ultimate degree goal. An MA examination is administered and degree conferred subject to satisfactory performance as a first step in the PhD program. The curriculum for the MA is intended to give broad coverage of a major field (e.g. Danish literature, Old Norse) and less extensive coverage of a second field (e.g. Danish novel, Romanticism, saga).

**General Requirements:** 24 units in Scandinavian, including at least 12 graduate units. Courses from other departments may be accepted with the consent of the graduate adviser. An examination will test the student's knowledge of both the major and the minor fields with emphasis upon the literature in the major language.

## The PhD in Scandinavian

**General Requirements:** An MA in Scandinavian or equivalent preparation is prerequisite. Students must complete two semesters of work in Old Norse and submit three field papers as examples of their scholarly ability. There are no other specific requirements as to graduate coursework at this level, but students should enroll in units according to Graduate Division guidelines, keeping in mind that continued seminar work will benefit them in taking their PhD qualifying examinations. Seminar courses will also help students establish the skills necessary to write a dissertation and publish scholarly work, while forging collegial relationships with graduate student colleagues and faculty. Students will present three subjects at their qualifying examinations, a major and two minors. A reading knowledge of two foreign languages, generally German and French (German and Latin for students majoring in Medieval literature) must be demonstrated before the student attempts the Qualifying Examination. Upon passing the qualifying examination the student is advanced to PhD candidacy and begins dissertation research.

## SCANDIN 1A Beginning Swedish 4 Units

**Department:** Scandinavian

**Course level:** Undergraduate

**Term course may be offered:** Fall

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 3 hours of language instruction and 1 hour of computer laboratory per week.

Students will continue to develop the basic elements of communicative competence in both the spoken and written language within a cultural context.

## SCANDIN 1B Intermediate Swedish 4 Units

**Department:** Scandinavian

**Course level:** Undergraduate

**Term course may be offered:** Spring

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 3 hours of language instruction and 1 hour of computer laboratory per week.

**Prerequisites:** 1A or consent of instructor.

Students will continue to develop the basic elements of communicative competence in both the spoken and written language within a cultural context.

## SCANDIN 2A Beginning Finnish 4 Units

**Department:** Scandinavian

**Course level:** Undergraduate

**Term course may be offered:** Fall

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 3 hours of language instruction and 1 hour of laboratory per week.

Students will develop the basic elements of communicative competence in both the spoken and written language within a cultural context.

Instructor: Tuomainen

## SCANDIN 2B Beginning Finnish 4 Units

**Department:** Scandinavian

**Course level:** Undergraduate

**Term course may be offered:** Spring

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 3 hours of language instruction and 1 hour of laboratory per week.

**Prerequisites:** 2A or consent of instructor.

Students will develop the basic elements of communicative competence in both the spoken and written language within a cultural context.

Instructor: Tuomainen

## SCANDIN 3A Beginning Norwegian 4 Units

**Department:** Scandinavian

**Course level:** Undergraduate

**Term course may be offered:** Fall

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 3 hours of language instruction and 1 hour of computer laboratory per week.

Students will develop the basic elements of communicative competence in both spoken and written language within a cultural context.

## SCANDIN 3B Intermediate Norwegian 4 Units

**Department:** Scandinavian

**Course level:** Undergraduate

**Term course may be offered:** Spring

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 3 hours of language instruction and 1 hour of computer laboratory per week.

**Prerequisites:** 3A or consent of instructor.

Students will develop the basic elements of communicative competence in both spoken and written language within a cultural context.