

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES, MA

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	16 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.25 GPA required.

Other Grade Requirements n/a

Assessments and Examinations All MA pathways require a comprehensive written and oral examination and offer a thesis option.

Language Requirements All pathways require an advanced competency in a modern Scandinavian language. If the modern Scandinavian Language is Finnish or Icelandic, a working knowledge of Norwegian, Swedish, or Danish is required.

For all pathways a minimal competency in German or another research language approved by the department is required.

The philology pathway requires two semesters of Old Norse. For the literature pathway a competency in Old Norse is encouraged.

REQUIRED COURSES

Each pathway has specific course requirements to be met.

Literary and Cultural Studies Pathway¹

Code	Title	Credits
SCAND ST 401	Contemporary Scandinavian Languages	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
SCAND ST/MEDIEVAL 407	Introductory Old Norse	
SCAND ST/MEDIEVAL 430	The Vikings	
SCAND ST/LITTRANS 435	The Sagas of Icelanders in English Translation	
Select one of the following:		3
SCAND ST/HISTORY 431	History of Scandinavia to 1815	
SCAND ST/HISTORY 432	History of Scandinavia Since 1815	
SCAND ST/HISTORY 577	Contemporary Scandinavia: Politics and History	
Select one of the following, depending on individual circumstances and determined in consultation with the graduate advisor:		3
SCAND ST 634	Survey of Scandinavian Literature: 1500-1800	
SCAND ST 635	Survey of Scandinavian Literature: 1800-1890	
SCAND ST 901	Seminar in Special Topics ²	

Professional Development:	3
GNS 700	Graduate Seminar in Professional Development

Electives:	14-15
Students consult with their advisor to select courses numbered 300 and above. Recommended courses may be found below.	

Total Credits	30
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Recommended courses:	
SCAND ST 419	Scandinavian Children's Literature
SCAND ST 422	The Drama of Henrik Ibsen
SCAND ST 423	The Drama of August Strindberg
SCAND ST 424	Nineteenth-Century Scandinavian Fiction
SCAND ST 426	Kierkegaard and Scandinavian Literature
SCAND ST 427	Contemporary Scandinavian Literature
SCAND ST/ LITTRANS 428	Memory and Literature from Proust to Knausgard
SCAND ST 434	The Art of Isak Dinesen/Karen Blixen
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE/ MEDIEVAL 446	Celtic-Scandinavian Cultural Interrelations
SCAND ST 450	Scandinavian Decadence in its European Context

¹ These pathways are internal to the program and represent different curricular paths a student can follow to earn this degree. Pathway names do not appear in the Graduate School admissions application, and they will not appear on the transcript.

² Students must take SCAND ST/HISTORY 577 and SCAND ST 901 for 3 credits to count toward these requirements.

Philology Pathway¹

Code	Title	Credits
The following are departmental guidelines for a philology specialization, though ultimately everything must be approved by the graduate advisor.		
Core		
SCAND ST 401	Contemporary Scandinavian Languages	3
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 407 & SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 408	Introductory Old Norse and Intermediate Old Norse	6
SCAND ST 410	Introduction to Scandinavian Linguistics	3
Select one of the following:		
SCAND ST 415	History of the Scandinavian Languages II: Standard Languages	3
or SCAND ST 510	Topics in Scandinavian Linguistics	
Select one of the following:		
SCAND ST 496	The Scandinavian Heritage in America	3
or SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 409	Survey of Old Norse-Icelandic Literature	
Professional Development		3
GNS 700	Graduate Seminar in Professional Development	
Electives		9

Students consult with their advisor to select courses numbered 300 and above. Recommended courses may be found below.

Total Credits 30

Recommended Courses:

SCAND ST/ LITTRANS 435	The Sagas of Icelanders in English Translation
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE/ MEDIEVAL 446	Celtic-Scandinavian Cultural Interrelations
GERMAN/ MEDIEVAL 755	Old Germanic Languages
GERMAN 768	Comparative and Historical Grammar of the Old Germanic Languages
ENGL/ MEDIEVAL 520	Old English
ENGL 417	History of the English Language
ENGL/HISTORY/ RELIG ST 360	The Anglo-Saxons

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Area Studies Pathway¹

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		3
1. One Seminar in the student's emphasis area.		
SCAND ST 901	Seminar in Special Topics	
2. A thesis of ca. 40-50 pages on a topic agreed upon by the student and advisor.		
SCAND ST 799	Independent Study	
Required Courses:		
One course in Scandinavian literature or literary history.		3-4
SCAND ST 401	Contemporary Scandinavian Languages	3
Professional Development:		3
GNS 700	Graduate Seminar in Professional Development	
Electives:		17-18
Students consult with their advisor to select courses numbered 300 and above. Recommended courses may be found below.		18
Total Credits		30
Recommended courses:		
SCAND ST/ HISTORY 431	History of Scandinavia to 1815	
SCAND ST/ HISTORY 432	History of Scandinavia Since 1815	
SCAND ST/ LITTRANS 435	The Sagas of Icelanders in English Translation	
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE 440	Scandinavian American Folklore	
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE 443	Sami Culture, Yesterday and Today	
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 444	Kalevala and Finnish Folk-Lore	

SCAND ST/
FOLKLORE/
MEDIEVAL 446 Celtic-Scandinavian Cultural
Interrelations

SCAND ST 496 The Scandinavian Heritage in
America

Possible courses of interest:

FOLKLORE 320 Folklore of Wisconsin

FOLKLORE/
RELIG ST 326 The Supernatural in the Modern
World

FOLKLORE/
RELIG ST 359 Myth

FOLKLORE 460 Folk Epics

FOLKLORE/
GEN&WS 467 Women and Politics in Popular
Culture and Folklore

FOLKLORE/
ANTHRO 520 Ethnic Representations in Wisconsin

FOLKLORE/
COM ARTS 522 Digital Storytelling for Social Media

FOLKLORE 540 Local Culture and Identity in the
Upper Midwest

ART HIST 364 History of American Art: Art,
Material Culture, and Constructions
of Identity, 1607-present

ART HIST 601 Introduction to Museum Studies I

ENGL/HISTORY/
RELIG ST 360 The Anglo-Saxons

ENGL/
MEDIEVAL 427 Chaucer's Canterbury Tales

GEOG 342 Geography of Wisconsin

GERMAN 650 History of the German Language

GERMAN/
MEDIEVAL 651 Introduction to Middle High German

GERMAN/
MEDIEVAL 755 Old Germanic Languages

HISTORY 359 History of Europe Since 1945

HISTORY/
SCAND ST 577 Contemporary Scandinavia: Politics
and History

LAND ARC 677 Cultural Resource Preservation and
Landscape History

LAND ARC/
ANTHRO/
ART HIST/DS/
HISTORY 764 Dimensions of Material Culture

RELIG ST/
FOLKLORE 352 Shamanism

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