

# SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

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The Scandinavian Studies program provides the opportunity to learn the literature, folklore, politics, and culture of the Nordic countries in the original languages and in English translation. Partly in cooperation with other departments, we offer courses in Scandinavian language, history, culture, social institutions, geography, arts, archaeology, myths, and folklore.

Scholars with knowledge of Scandinavian languages and cultures are equipped for careers in the countries that are the world leaders in gender equity, societal welfare, and 21st-century business practices, as well as a range of careers including education, law, international trade, translation, civil service, non-profits, the arts, linguistics, literature, environmental sciences, conservation, diplomacy, and more.

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Students declared in the Scandinavian Studies major are not eligible to declare the Certificate in Scandinavian Studies.

## REQUIREMENTS

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The Scandinavian studies certificate requires 18 credits of SCAND ST. 9 credits must be taken at the 300 level or higher. Select at least one course from each of the following areas:

### LANGUAGES

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Danish:</b>		
SCAND ST 121	First Semester Danish	4
SCAND ST 122	Second Semester Danish	4
SCAND ST 221	Second Year Danish	4
SCAND ST 222	Second Year Danish	4
SCAND ST 271	Readings in Danish Literature	3-4

### Finnish:

SCAND ST 131	First Semester Finnish	4
SCAND ST 132	Second Semester Finnish	4

### Norwegian:

SCAND ST 101	First Semester Norwegian	4
SCAND ST 102	Second Semester Norwegian	4
SCAND ST 201	Second Year Norwegian	4
SCAND ST 202	Second Year Norwegian	4
SCAND ST 251	Readings in Norwegian Literature	3-4

### Sami:

SCAND ST 404	Languages of Northern Europe	2-4
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### Swedish:

SCAND ST 111	First Semester Swedish	4
SCAND ST 112	Second Semester Swedish	4
SCAND ST 211	Second Year Swedish	4
SCAND ST 212	Second Year Swedish	4
SCAND ST 261	Readings in Swedish Literature	3-4

## LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND HISTORY COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
SCAND ST 250	Introduction to Scandinavia	3
SCAND ST 296	The Scandinavian Heritage in America	3
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE/ MEDIEVAL/ RELIG ST 342	Nordic Mythology	3
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE/ LITTRANS/ MEDIEVAL 345	The Nordic Storyteller	3
SCAND ST 348	The Second World War in Nordic Culture	3
SCAND ST 373	Masterpieces of Scandinavian Literature: From the Middle Ages to 1900	3-4
SCAND ST 374	Masterpieces of Scandinavian Literature: the Twentieth Century	3-4
SCAND ST 401	Contemporary Scandinavian Languages	3
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 407	Introductory Old Norse	3
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 408	Intermediate Old Norse	3
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 409	Survey of Old Norse-Icelandic Literature	3
SCAND ST 410	Introduction to Scandinavian Linguistics	3
SCAND ST 415	History of the Scandinavian Languages II: Standard Languages	3
SCAND ST 419	Scandinavian Children's Literature	4
SCAND ST 421	Advanced Topics in Nordic Studies	1-3
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 430	The Vikings	4

SCAND ST/ HISTORY 431	History of Scandinavia to 1815	3
SCAND ST/ HISTORY 432	History of Scandinavia Since 1815	3
SCAND ST/ LITTRANS 435	The Sagas of Icelanders in English Translation	3
SCAND ST/ GEN&WS/ LITTRANS 438	Sexual Politics in Scandinavia	3
SCAND ST 439	Nordic Filmmakers	3
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE 440	Scandinavian American Folklore	3
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE 443	Sami Culture, Yesterday and Today	4
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 444	Kalevala and Finnish Folk-Lore	4
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE/ MEDIEVAL 446	Celtic-Scandinavian Cultural Interrelations	3
SCAND ST 476	Scandinavian Life and Civilization II	4
SCAND ST 496	The Scandinavian Heritage in America	3
SCAND ST 510	Topics in Scandinavian Linguistics	3
SCAND ST 511	Paleography and Philology - Old Norse	3
SCAND ST/ HISTORY 577	Contemporary Scandinavia: Politics and History	3-4
SCAND ST 630	Fundamentals of Bibliography and Research	3

## LITERATURE

Code	Title	Credits
SCAND ST 373	Masterpieces of Scandinavian Literature: From the Middle Ages to 1900	3-4
SCAND ST 374	Masterpieces of Scandinavian Literature: the Twentieth Century	3-4
SCAND ST 419	Scandinavian Children's Literature	4
SCAND ST 411	Areas in Scandinavian Literature	1
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 409	Survey of Old Norse-Icelandic Literature	3
SCAND ST 422	The Drama of Henrik Ibsen	4
SCAND ST 423	The Drama of August Strindberg	4
SCAND ST 424	Nineteenth-Century Scandinavian Fiction	3-4
SCAND ST 426	Kierkegaard and Scandinavian Literature	3
SCAND ST 427	Contemporary Scandinavian Literature	4
SCAND ST/ LITTRANS 428	Memory and Literature from Proust to Knausgard	3
SCAND ST 434	The Art of Isak Dinesen/Karen Blixen	4
SCAND ST 436	Topics in Scandinavian Literature	3-4
SCAND ST 450	Scandinavian Decadence in its European Context	3-4

SCAND ST 475	The Writings of Hans Christian Andersen for Scandinavian Majors	4
SCAND ST 520	Special Topics	3
SCAND ST 634	Survey of Scandinavian Literature: 1500-1800	3
SCAND ST 635	Survey of Scandinavian Literature: 1800-1890	3

## RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- At least a 2.000 GPA is required among all courses eligible for the certificate.
- At least 9 credits must be taken in residence. A UW-Madison-sponsored study abroad program applies as in-residence credit.

## CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student's undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Demonstrate understanding in a global context in a field of study covering literature, history, area studies, folklore, or philology classes.
2. Select and utilize the most appropriate methods of study and inquiry within the content of the classes taken.
3. Evaluate and respond to information pertaining to the classes taken, showing clear analytical and critical thinking skills.
4. Communicate clearly in appropriate ways in the classes taken.
5. Recognize and apply principles of ethical and professional conduct.

## ADVISING AND CAREERS

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For advising and placement, please contact our undergraduate advisor:

Joanna Schuth, Undergraduate Advisor  
jschuth@wisc.edu (undergrad@gns.wisc.edu)  
836 Van Hise Hall  
Make an appointment through Starfish (<https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/>)

Students who transfer to UW after a year abroad should contact the undergraduate advisor as early as possible to schedule a placement test.

**Note:** SCAND ST 302 (<https://guide.wisc.edu/search/?P=SCAND%20ST%20302>) Intensive Finnish II satisfies the third semester of the Finnish language sequence for the purpose of meeting the College of Letters & Science foreign language requirement.

**Majors should see the advisor during the semester before their last semester.** Prospective majors are urged to consult the undergraduate advisor about their program at the first possible opportunity.

For additional career advising, please contact:

Lydia Odegard  
Language Directions Specialist  
Language Institute (<https://languageinstitute.wisc.edu/staff/odegard-lydia/>)

## L&S CAREER RESOURCES

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Enroll in a Career Course (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/>) – a great idea for first- and second-year students:
  - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
  - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
  - INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Activate your Handshake account (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
- Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students' lives (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/>)

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