



Department of Scandinavian Studies



Eight countries, with different but related languages and cultures, are explored through the Department of Scandinavian Studies. They offer world-class literature and—as the homelands of Nokia, Ericsson, Dogma 95, and Legoland—influence contemporary society. With a history that covers the period from marauding Vikings to the presenters of the Nobel Peace Prize, the Scandinavian and Baltic countries present opportunities to look at the world from a variety of perspectives.

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When Norway's Queen Sonja (far right) visited the University of Washington, she met with Scandinavian Studies students.

STUDENTS (AUTUMN 2007)

80	Undergraduate majors
9	Master of Arts students
7	PhD students

DEGREES AWARDED (JULY 2006–JUNE 2007)

23	Bachelor of Arts degrees
2	Master of Arts degrees
1	PhD

MAJOR STUDENT AWARDS (2006–2007)

1	Fulbright Fellowship
1	American-Scandinavian Fellowship
2	Birgit Baldwin Fellowship
3	Phi Beta Kappa
1	A&S Dean's Medalist

Highlights

- ▶ The Department of Scandinavian Studies, established by an act of the Washington State Legislature in 1909, celebrated its 90th anniversary in 1999.
- ▶ In 2003, the Swedish Institute honored the Department of Scandinavian Studies' Swedish Program, identifying it as one of the two best Swedish programs outside of Sweden.
- ▶ The Department's Baltic Studies Program is the only such program in the U.S. Its creation and much of its funding is the result of community support.
- ▶ Three endowed professorships have been established in Norwegian, Swedish, and Baltic Studies.

Education

Students can earn a BA with a major in Danish, Norwegian, Swedish (with emphasis on languages and literature) or Scandinavian Area Studies (with emphasis on history, politics, folklore, and Finnish or Baltic Studies). Graduate students can earn an MA degree in Scandinavian Languages and Literature or Scandinavian Area Studies. A PhD is available with an emphasis in languages and literature. The Baltic Studies program offers courses in the languages and cultures of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Average class sizes within the department are relatively small and students have easy access to the faculty.

Study abroad programs are offered in the Scandinavian and Baltic countries for full-year, one-quarter, or September-only terms. Special study abroad courses are also occasionally offered.

Graduates from the department have gone on to successful careers in a wide range of occupations, including teaching, government service, business, and industry. Most recently, graduates have found extensive opportunities in the field of information technology with the numerous software and internet companies in the Puget Sound region.

UW students, along with professors Jan Krogh Nielsen and Marianne Stecher-Hansen, pose for a photo during Scandinavian Studies' interdisciplinary summer program, Copenhagen Classroom.



Faculty

Awards and leadership roles for Department of Scandinavian Studies faculty include:

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| 5 American-Scandinavian Foundation Grants | 3 Presidents of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study |
| 1 Knight of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit | 3 Endowed Professorships |
| | 1 Term Professorship |

Scholarship

Faculty research includes the comprehensive study of Scandinavian and Baltic literature, history, politics, and culture. Current research projects include rhetoric and critical theory in Norwegian literature, the Faroese ballad tradition, perceptions of Vikings in history, the plays of August Strindberg, the roles of small states in international relations, globalization and identity construction in Finland, and Baltic folklore, song, and identity.

Strong interdisciplinary ties with other departments include Comparative Literature, History, Political Science, Women Studies, Sociology, Drama, Architecture, and the Jackson School of International Studies.

Outreach

By working with its Advisory Board, the Department of Scandinavian Studies has exceptionally close ties with various Scandinavian and Baltic communities. Department faculty serve regularly as facilitators, speakers, and area specialists for community organizations and groups, including ethnic venues throughout the Baltic and Scandinavian communities of the Northwest.

Fiscal and Scholarship Information (fiscal year ending June 30, 2007)

State support and tuition:	\$756,854
Endowment income:	\$115,404
Private gifts:	\$1,122,197
Endowment value:	\$3,770,233

Professorships

Kazickas Family Endowed Professorship in Baltic Studies
Sverre Arestad Endowed Professorship in Norwegian Studies
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Barbro Osher Endowed Professorship of Swedish Studies

Department Scholarships

The Department awards meritorious students scholarships from the following funds:

Alf Kristian Aulie-Simrad Endowed Fund	Scott Nelskog Memorial Fund
Synnøve Lien Fielding Endowed Fund	Poul O. Nielsen Educational Endowment Fund
Ann-Marie & Gunnar Gavel Endowment	Norwegian American Community Fund
Leslie Grove Memorial Fund	Peterson Family Endowed Fund
Gertrude Holdal Endowment	Raisys/Liffick Endowed Fund
Kalevala Endowed Fund	Scandinavian Exchange Fund
Bernice Kellogg Endowed Fund	Kathe & Ragnar Steene Endowed Fund
Langins Endowed Fund	Totoraitis/Roberts Endowed Fund
Martin & Ruth Metzson Fund	Edwin Vickner Endowed Fund
	Dr. Werner & Mrs. Margit Weingarten Fund

FACULTY (AUTUMN 2007)

4 Professors
3 Associate Professors
1 Assistant Professor
2 Senior Lecturers
3 Visiting Lecturers
2 Emeritus Professors

AREAS OF SCHOLARSHIP

Scandinavian Literature and Culture
Scandinavian and Baltic Folklore
Scandinavian Politics
Scandinavian History
Scandinavian-American History and Culture
Scandinavian Cinema
National Identity in Scandinavia
Ibsen, Strindberg, Hans Christian Andersen
Baltic Studies
Small States in International Relations
Sexuality and Society
Globalization
Old Norse/Medieval Studies

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