

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE

There are two programs of study for the Master's Degree. Graduate students may choose either Scandinavian Languages and Literature **or** Scandinavian Area Studies. Both programs emphasize mastery of the chosen Scandinavian language and a knowledge of the literature and literary history of Scandinavia, with a focus on the student's chosen language area.

The Master's Degree program in **Scandinavian Languages and Literature** requires a working knowledge of the methods of philology (historical, cultural and linguistic study of texts) and literary theory and analysis, plus knowledge of one secondary area (linguistics; theater and film; folklore and mythology; history, society and politics; literary theory and methods).

The Master's Degree program in **Scandinavian Area Studies** requires a knowledge of history, society, politics, cinema, folklore and mythology, in addition to an emphasis in one of these areas, as detailed in the requirements for the M.A. in Scandinavian Area Studies described below.

ADMISSION

Applicants to the M.A. Program in the Department of Scandinavian Studies should meet the requirement of 65 credit hours for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, or Scandinavian Area Studies at the University of Washington or the equivalent. Courses on 100 and 200 levels may be applied, but at least 25 of the 65 credits must be earned in upper-division courses (300 and 400 level). An applicant who does not fully meet these requirements may be admitted at the discretion of the Department, provided the applicant agrees to attain competency in these areas by completing preparatory coursework or specially prepared independent study projects before commencing the graduate program. The student is expected to be familiar with the Graduate School admission requirements as stated in the University of Washington General Catalog.

ASSISTANTSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND TUITION

A limited number of Teaching Assistantships are available to graduate students in the Department of Scandinavian Studies. Currently, an assistantship is a one-year appointment with the option of renewal for a second year. At times, an assistantship is divided among two or three candidates in order to support more students. Teaching assistants must be enrolled for a minimum of 10 credits per quarter in the graduate program of the Department. All teaching assistants are required to attend the departmental teaching colloquium and workshop offered just prior to the beginning of classes Autumn Quarter. In addition, a one-year research assistantship is available for departmental research projects carried out with faculty supervision. Research Assistants are also required to be enrolled for a minimum of 10 credits per quarter.

SELECTION OF THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

The supervisory committee oversees the progress of each individual graduate student. As early as possible, but no later than during the student's second quarter in the M.A. program, the student shall select the chairperson of his or her supervisory committee. It is the responsibility of the student to consult with the chairperson to arrange for a study program and supervisory committee members (a minimum of three faculty members). The committee is to be set up no later than one quarter before the examinations. The committee devises, administers, and evaluates all parts of the M.A. exam and advises on the thesis, when applicable. Area studies students must submit a reading list for approval by the supervisory committee no later than the second week of the quarter prior to the quarter in which the comprehensive exam is to be taken.

READING KNOWLEDGE OF A NON-SCANDINAVIAN FOREIGN LANGUAGE

The Department of Scandinavian Studies requires that all candidates for the Master's of Arts degree demonstrate a reading knowledge of **ONE** non-Scandinavian foreign language and that candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy degree demonstrate a reading knowledge of **TWO** non-Scandinavian foreign languages. The choice of language(s) is to support the student's plans to do research and requires approval by the student's supervisory committee. Please also note that students in the Department whose target language is Danish, Norwegian or Swedish may elect to use Finnish as a reading proficiency language.

The foreign language requirement for the M.A. and/or the Ph.D. degrees may be fulfilled by completing **ONE** of the following:

1. Successful completion with a grade of 3.0 or better of an upper division language or literature course offered in the original language by an approved language and literature department.
2. Successful completion of a two-quarter reading course, if available (i.e., GERMAN 121 and GERMAN 122).
3. Pass a foreign language reading exam from the Office of Assessment (if available).
4. If a test is not available at the Office of Assessment, the supervisory committee will recommend a competent person to administer an exam. The exam will consist of a translation of a standard, specific text of approximately 500 words into idiomatic and grammatically correct English. A dictionary may be used during the examination period, which shall be limited to two hours. The completed exam will be evaluated by two members of the faculty.

Upon the completion of the examination and the evaluation of it, the decision of the examiners shall be transmitted in writing to the student's advisory committee through the chairperson of that committee and then placed in the student's permanent file. As a preparation for the exam, examples shall be made available whenever possible.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The student must make application to the Graduate School for the Master's Degree within the first two weeks of the quarter in which he or she expects the degree to be conferred. If a student fails to pass the Master's comprehensive written examination, he or she will be permitted to retake the entire examination or a portion thereof based on the recommendation of the supervisory committee.

In consultation with a sponsoring faculty member, students may enroll for 10 credits in SC 600. The 10 credits are primarily intended for independent study or research, including writing a term paper. However, 5 of the 10 credits may be used for preparation for the M.A. examination.

DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

I. MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM IN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

A. Languages and Literature Thesis Program

1. 30 credit hours of coursework to include the following mandatory courses:

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| 500 | Old Icelandic |
| 503 | Methods of Scandinavian Studies |
| 505 | Topics in Scandinavian Drama and Film |
| 508 | Topics in Scandinavian Prose |
| 520 | Topics in Scandinavian Poetry |
2. 10 credit hours of SCAND 700 for the completion of a thesis, which is to be approved by the student's supervisory committee. The thesis must be submitted for approval no later than 14 days before the written examinations begin.
3. Reading list: In preparation for the comprehensive examination, the student shall complete an independent reading program of literature selected from a list specially compiled for each language area. The list includes linguistics, history of Scandinavian languages, and representative literature in the student's primary and secondary fields. The student's primary field is Danish, Norwegian, or Swedish language and literature. The secondary field is chosen from the following: linguistics; theater and film; folklore and mythology; history, society and politics; literary theory and methods.
4. Submission of three graded seminar papers, one of which may be in the chosen target language.

5. Foreign language examination in German or French (or Finnish; other languages may be substituted with the permission of the student's supervisory committee).
6. Comprehensive written examination:
 - a. Question based on material from the student's emphasis list (student will choose one of two questions). 2 hours
 - b. Question on the history of the student's major literature (student will choose one of two questions, to be answered in the major language, dictionary permitted). 2 hours.
 - c. Literary analysis of a text chosen from any work on the core list (choose one of two questions). 2 hours
7. One-hour oral examination. Review of written examinations and thesis.

B. Languages and Literature Non-Thesis Program

1. 40 credit hours of coursework (to include the following mandatory courses):

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| 500 | Old Icelandic |
| 503 | Methods of Scandinavian Studies |
| 505 | Topics in Scandinavian Drama and Film |
| 508 | Topics in Scandinavian Prose |
| 520 | Topics in Scandinavian Poetry |
2. Submission of three graded seminar papers, one of which may be in the chosen language.
3. Reading list: In preparation for the comprehensive examinations, the student shall complete an independent reading program of literature selected from a list specially compiled for each language area. The list includes linguistics, history of Scandinavian languages, and representative literature in the student's primary and secondary fields. The student's primary field is Danish, Norwegian, or Swedish language and literature. The secondary field is selected from the following: linguistics; theater and film; folklore and mythology; history, society, and politics; literary theory and methods.
4. Foreign Language Examination in German or French (other languages may be substituted with the permission of the student's supervisory committee).
5. Comprehensive written examination:

- a. Question based on material from the student's emphasis list (choose one of two questions). 2 hours.
 - b. Question on the history of literature based on the student's major, to be answered in the major language with the aid of a dictionary (choose one of two questions). 2 hours.
 - c. Literary analysis of a text chosen from any work on the core reading list (choose one of two questions). 2 hours.
6. One-hour comprehensive oral examination. This exam usually consists of a review of the written examinations and questions based on the student's reading list.

C. Languages and Literature Secondary Area of Emphasis

Students in the Master's Degree Program in **Scandinavian Languages and Literature** must choose a secondary area of emphasis from the following (suggested, but not required, courses are also listed):

1. Linguistics

- 460 History of Scandinavian Languages
- 490/590 Special Topics
- 513 Topics in Scandinavian Linguistics

2. Theater and Film

- 360 Scandinavian Cinema
- 484 Films of Ingmar Bergman
- 490/590 Special Topics
- 505 Topics in Scandinavian Drama and Film

3. Folklore and Mythology

- 331 Folk Narrative
- 332 Folkbelief and World View
- 333 Folklife and Material Culture
- 334 Immigrant and Ethnic Folklore
- 430 Readings in Folklore
- 431 The Northern European Ballad
- 470 Senior Seminar in Folklore
- 490/590 Special Topics

4. History, Society, and Politics

- 325 Public Policy in Scandinavia
- 326 Scandinavia in World Affairs
- 327 Women in Scandinavian Society

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| 370 | The Vikings |
| 380 | History of Scandinavia to 1720 |
| 381 | History of Scandinavia Since 1720 |
| 403 | Scandinavian Immigration |
| 437 | Politics in Scandinavia |
| 490/590 | Special Topics |
| 519 | Modern Scandinavian Politics |
| 525 | Topics in Scandinavian History |

5. Literary Theory and Methods

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| 490/590 | Special Topics |
| 503 | Methods of Scandinavian Studies |
| 504 | Contemporary Literary Theory |

II. MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM IN SCANDINAVIAN AREA STUDIES

A. Area Studies Thesis Program

1. 30 credit hours minimum of course work to include:

SCAND 503 - Methods of Scandinavian Studies

An area studies methodology course

A literary genre course (choose from SCAND 505 - Scandinavian Drama; SCAND 508 - Scandinavian Novel; or SCAND 520 - Scandinavian Poetry)

15 credits from three area studies fields (one course from three of these four fields - cinema; folklore and mythology; history; society and politics)

10-15 credits are required from the student's chosen area studies emphasis field (the thesis may be counted for credits)

2. 10 credits of SCAND 700 for the completion of a thesis, to be approved by the student's supervisory committee. The thesis must be submitted for approval no later than 14 days before the written examinations begin.
3. Submission of three graded seminar papers, one of which may be written in chosen language.
4. Reading list: In preparation for the comprehensive examination, the student shall in cooperation with the supervisory committee, develop a reading list. This is an independent reading program that will include Danish, Norwegian, Swedish literature but will focus on the student's chosen language and area studies emphasis field.

5. Foreign language examination in German or French (other languages may be substituted with the permission of the student's supervisory committee).
6. Comprehensive written examinations:
 - a. Questions based on material from the student's chosen field of area studies (the student will choose two out of four questions). 4 hours.
 - b. Questions on literature and literary history with a focus on the student's language area (choose one of two questions). 2 hours.
7. One-hour oral examination: review of written exams and thesis.

B. Area Studies Non-Thesis Program

1. 40 credit hours of course work to include:

503 - Methods of Scandinavian Studies

An area studies methodology course

A literary genre course chosen from SCAND 505 (Scandinavian Drama and Film), SCAND 508 (Scandinavian Prose), SCAND 520 (Scandinavian Poetry)

15 credits from three Area Studies Fields (one course from three of these four fields: cinema; folklore and mythology; history; society and politics)

10-15 credits are required from the student's chosen area studies emphasis field
2. Submission of three graded seminar papers, one of which may be written in the chosen language.
3. Reading list: In preparation for the comprehensive examination, the student shall, in cooperation with the supervisory committee, develop a reading list. This is an independent reading program that will include Danish, Norwegian, and Swedish literature, but will focus on the student's chosen language and area studies emphasis field.
4. Foreign language examination in German or French (another language may be substituted with the permission of the supervisory committee).
5. Comprehensive written examinations:

- a. Questions based on material from the student's chosen field of area studies (the student will choose two out of four questions). 4 hours.
 - b. Questions on literature and literary history, with a focus on the student's language area (choose one of two questions). 2 hours.
6. One-hour comprehensive oral examination. This exam usually consists of a review of the written examinations and questions based on the student's reading list.

C. Area Studies Emphasis Fields

10-15 credits. (The supervisory committee may recommend additional credits.) If a student writes a thesis, 10 credits shall be thesis credits (SCAND 700). If the non-thesis option is chosen, credits must be approved by the student's advisory committee whether from within or outside the Scandinavian Department. Suggested courses in the emphasis fields include:

1. Cinema

SCAND - 484, 490, 590, 600
 C LIT 301 - Theory of film: Analysis
 C LIT 302 - Theory of Film: Critical Concepts
 C LIT 303 - Theory of Film: Genre
 C LIT 310 - History of Film: 1895-1929
 C LIT 311 - History of Film: 1930-1959
 C LIT 312 - History of Film: 1960-Present
 C LIT 315 - National Cinemas
 C LIT 357 - Literature and Film
 C LIT 397 - Special Topics in Cinema Studies
 C LIT 497 - Special Topics in Cinema Studies
 ENGL 345 - Studies in Film

2. Folklore and Mythology

SCAND 490, 499, 590, 600
 ANTH 429 - Expressive Culture
 C LIT 496 or 596 - Special Topics
 C LIT 517 - Colloquium in Folklore

3. History

SCAND 490, 499, 525, 590, 600
 ARCH 551 - Scand Arch in the 19th and 20th Centuries
 ART H 581 - Seminar in Modern Art
 HSTEU 370 - The Vikings
 HSTEU (Scandinavian History) 380, 381, 499
 HIST 503 – Modern Europe, Writings and Interpretations

4. Society and Politics

Scand 437, 490, 499, 519, 525, 590, 600
SIS 390 - Political Economy of Industrialized Nations
POL S 324 - Europe in World Politics
POL S 346 - Governments of Western Europe
POL S 437 - Scandinavian Politics

5. Upon approval of the supervisory committee, students may take other courses for credit for the Area Studies Master's Degree, including:

SIS 401 - International Political Economy
SIS 502 – Globalization and International Relations
PHIL 467 - Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 469 - Existentialist Philosophy

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