

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES
GRADUATE PROGRAM
Ph.D. DEGREE**

Persons seeking the Ph.D. degree in the Department of Scandinavian Studies at the University of Washington will normally be considered for admission only after they have obtained the M.A. degree, which is offered in the Department, or an equivalent degree obtained elsewhere. The work for the M.A. degree forms an integral part of the requirements for the Ph.D. degree, and students coming from other institutions are advised to familiarize themselves with the guidelines for the UW Scandinavian Studies M.A. program in order that existing deficiencies may be removed. Students are also advised that they should expect to spend a minimum of two to three hours of study time in preparation for each class or credit hour.

In general, the program for an individual student will progress in the following manner: Upon admission to the program, the student will spend some time taking approved courses and seminars. He or she will then prepare for the written and oral general examinations. When the student has passed the qualifying exams and complied with all other requirements for the Ph.D., except the completion of the dissertation, he or she will be admitted to candidacy for the Ph.D. Successful completion and defense of the dissertation will then result in the granting of the degree.

SUMMARY OF GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

1. A minimum of 90 credits must be completed (a master's degree from the UW or another institution may be used as a substitute for 30 credits of enrollment).
2. A minimum of 60 credits must be completed at the University of Washington
3. At least 18 credits of UW course work at the 500 level and above must be completed prior to the General Examination.
4. At least 18 numerically graded UW credits of approved 400 and all 500 level courses must be completed prior to the General Examination.
5. Completion of 60 credits prior to scheduling the General Examination (a master's degree from the UW or another institution may be used as a substitute for 30 of these 60 credits).
6. A minimum of 27 dissertation credits over a period of at least three quarters must be completed. With the exception of summer, students are limited to a maximum of 10 dissertation credits (800) per quarter.
7. A minimum cumulative GPS of 3.00 must be maintained.
8. The General Examination must be successfully completed.

9. The Final Examination must be successfully completed.
10. A dissertation accepted by the Graduate School.
11. Registration maintained as a full- or part-time graduate student at the University for the quarter in which the examinations are completed AND the quarter the degree is conferred.
12. Completion of all work for the doctoral degree within ten years.

See The Graduate School web page:
<http://www.grad.washington.edu/stsv/quickref.htm>

OTHER SPECIFIC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. The Department requires the student to take 40 approved credits in courses and seminars, and to register for 27 credits of 800 (dissertation) credits. At least two SCAND prefix graduate seminars must be taken after the student has completed all requirements for the M.A. degree.
2. Ten of the 40 credits may be 600 (Independent Study or Research) credits. Five of the ten credits may be ungraded.
3. A graduate student usually serves as a Teaching Assistant during some of his or her student years. All Teaching Assistants are required to attend the Departmental TA workshop offered just prior to the start of Autumn Quarter. Those students in the Ph.D. program who have not had an approved course in teaching methodology are required to take the course which is offered by the Department.
4. The student must demonstrate language proficiency to teach and conduct research at the superior level as defined by the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines and approved by the supervisory committee.
5. If Scandinavian 503 (Methods of Scandinavian Study) has not been taken by the student during M.A. study, it must be taken at this time.
6. The student must demonstrate a reading knowledge of two non-Scandinavian foreign languages determined, in consultation with the committee, to be useful for research purposes.
7. The student must establish a supervisory committee at least three quarters prior to the quarter scheduled for the General Examination. Note: The Graduate School must receive a warrant requesting the general exam at least three weeks prior to the proposed examination. The student is also advised that the graduate faculty as a whole is responsible for the composition of the Ph.D. committee. The student is asked, therefore,

to submit his or her suggestions regarding the membership of the Ph.D. committee to the graduate faculty for approval.

8. As a prerequisite for admission to candidacy for the Ph.D., the student will be required to submit a written dissertation proposal to his or her supervisory committee. The proposal must be accepted by the committee before the general examinations are held, and it should be discussed with the student during the oral part of the general examination. The proposal must include a general outline of the intended dissertation, a description of the proposed methodology, and a tentative bibliography.
9. As a prerequisite for admission to candidacy, the student will be required to give evidence of involvement in the process of scholarship in the field by having produced at least one scholarly article. "Scholarly article" would mean a paper which has been submitted to a scholarly journal (the manuscript may be under evaluation, it may be forthcoming, or it may have been rejected, but it must represent a good-faith effort on the part of the student). The student's committee will determine what constitutes a "scholarly article" in the individual case.
10. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the Graduate School requirements and guidelines as published in the University of Washington General Catalog.

The Ph.D. Degree Reading List

The Ph.D. reading list includes (1) the departmental M.A. reading list, and 2) a three-part reading list on which the three written examinations will be based (see below). The relevant works on the departmental M.A. reading list will be incorporated into the three-part Ph.D. reading list. The student is responsible for developing a reading list, as part of the training, to be approved by the committee no later than four months prior to the date of the General Examination.

Candidates opting for a philology or linguistics emphasis should plan their reading list with their supervisory committee and have it approved by the Graduate Faculty.

A three-part reading list serves as the basis for three six-hour field exams. At least two of the three fields should be directly relevant to the student's proposed dissertation project. At least two of the fields should be defined as literary, and each such field could consist of a genre, one or more periods, a significant theme in Scandinavian literature, or the literature of a Scandinavian country. Baltic literature may be included. The third field may likewise be literary, but it may also be chosen with a great deal of freedom. An alternative field may be substituted in place of the second literary field.

The General Examination for the Ph.D. Degree

Pre-Dissertation Paper

Prior to the beginning of the general examination, the student will develop a pre-dissertation paper that will be presented to a colloquium to which faculty, graduate students and interested

others will be invited. This colloquium paper will be prepared in conjunction with the student's dissertation proposal.

The General Examination

The general examination is in two parts, written and oral. The written examinations are six hours each and shall be administered over three exam days with no more than seven days from the first to the third exam. In addition to questions approved by the Supervisory Committee, the general exam may include questions regarding the reading lists for the three fields identified by the student and the Supervisory Committee. With the approval of the Supervisory Committee, the exams may be taken at a non-departmental site such as the campus library or at home. On each exam day, the student receives the questions as determined by the Supervisory Committee. After six hours, the completed exam must be delivered by the student to the departmental office in person or electronically via email. The oral examination, which follows the written exams, is two hours in length. It shall include discussion and possible questions about the written exam, the student's reading list, and a dissertation proposal prepared and approved by the Supervisory Committee prior to the beginning of the General Examination.

Dissertation

Ph.D. dissertation approval and a reading schedule must be arranged with the Student's Supervisory Committee.

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