

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES, BA

The Scandinavian Studies major provides the opportunity to learn the literature, folklore, history, 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, gender and women's studies, arts, myths, and folklore.

Students also may continue graduate studies toward an MA in Scandinavian philology, literature, or area studies, and toward a PhD in Scandinavian literature, philology, or folklore.

The program strongly encourages a junior year abroad in a Nordic country (<https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/academics/major-advising-pages-maps/scandinavian-studies/>); several exchange programs in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and elsewhere are available.

Students may apply to Norden House (<https://www.housing.wisc.edu/undergraduate/communities/international/language-communities/>), a residential language learning community for UW–Madison students studying Norwegian, Danish, or Swedish, housed in Kronshage Residence Hall.

Scholars who major in the field 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, nonprofits, the arts, linguistics, literature, environmental sciences, conservation, diplomacy, and more.

HOW TO GET IN

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Requirements	Details
How to get in	No application required. All students who meet the requirements listed below are eligible to declare. For information on how to declare, visit Advising & Careers.
Courses required to get in	None
GPA requirements to get in	None
Credits required to get in	None
Other	None

Students declared in the Scandinavian Studies certificate may not be declared in the Scandinavian Studies major at the same time. Students who do wish to declare this major must first cancel their declaration in the certificate.

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatetext>) section of the Guide.

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| General Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits • Breadth–Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits • Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits • Communication Part A & Part B * • Ethnic Studies * • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B * |
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* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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| Mathematics | Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework. |
| Language | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the fourth unit of a language other than English; OR • Complete the third unit of a language and the second unit of an additional language other than English. |

L&S Breadth	• 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and • 12 credits of Social Science; and • 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.
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Liberal Arts and Science Coursework	Complete at least 108 credits.
Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work	Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.
Major	Declare and complete at least one major.
Total Credits	Complete at least 120 credits.
UW-Madison Experience	• 30 credits in residence, overall; and • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.
Quality of Work	• 2.000 in all coursework at UW-Madison • 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW-Madison

NON-L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non-L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

Code	Title	Credits
Language (complete one):		3-4
SCAND ST 251	Readings in Norwegian Literature	
SCAND ST 261	Readings in Swedish Literature	
SCAND ST 271	Readings in Danish Literature	
Literature & Culture (complete one course from each area):		18
<i>Language, Culture, and History (complete at least one course):</i>		
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE/ MEDIEVAL 235	The World of Sagas	
SCAND ST 250	Introduction to Scandinavia	
SCAND ST 276	Culture & Community in Scandinavia	
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE/ MEDIEVAL/ RELIG ST 342	Nordic Mythology	
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE/ LITTRANS/ MEDIEVAL 345	The Nordic Storyteller	
SCAND ST 348	The Second World War in Nordic Culture	
SCAND ST 355	Autobiography	

SCAND ST 401	Contemporary Scandinavian Languages
SCAND ST 404	Languages of Northern Europe
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 407	Introductory Old Norse
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 408	Intermediate Old Norse
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 409	Survey of Old Norse-Icelandic Literature
SCAND ST 410	Introduction to Scandinavian Linguistics
SCAND ST 411	Areas in Scandinavian Literature
SCAND ST 415	History of the Scandinavian Languages II: Standard Languages
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 430	The Vikings
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/ GEN&WS/ LITTRANS 438	Sexual Politics in Scandinavia
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE 440	Scandinavian American Folklore
SCAND ST 439	Nordic Filmmakers
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 476	Scandinavian Life and Civilization II
SCAND ST 510	Topics in Scandinavian Linguistics
SCAND ST 511	Paleography and Philology - Old Norse
SCAND ST/ HISTORY 577	Contemporary Scandinavia: Politics and History
<i>Modern Scandinavian Literature (complete at least one course):</i>	
SCAND ST/ LITTRANS 320	The Nordic Child
SCAND ST 373	Masterpieces of Scandinavian Literature: From the Middle Ages to 1900
SCAND ST 374	Masterpieces of Scandinavian Literature: the Twentieth Century
SCAND ST 419	Scandinavian Children's Literature
SCAND ST 421	Advanced Topics in Nordic Studies (1 Norwegian-American Folksong)
SCAND ST 421	Advanced Topics in Nordic Studies (2 Finnish-American Folksong)

SCAND ST 421	Advanced Topics in Nordic Studies (4 Hagiography in the North)
SCAND ST 422	The Drama of Henrik Ibsen
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 436	Topics in Scandinavian Literature
SCAND ST 450	Scandinavian Decadence in its European Context
SCAND ST 475	The Writings of Hans Christian Andersen for Scandinavian Majors
SCAND ST 520	Special Topics
SCAND ST 634	Survey of Scandinavian Literature: 1500-1800
SCAND ST 635	Survey of Scandinavian Literature: 1800-1890
LITTRANS 274	In Translation: Masterpieces of Scandinavian Literature-the 20th Century
LITTRANS 275	In Translation: The Tales of Hans Christian Andersen

Total Credits**21**

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all SCAND ST and all major courses
- 2.000 GPA on at least 15 credits of upper-level work in the major¹
- 15 credits in SCAND ST, taken on campus

¹ SCAND ST/LITTRANS 320 to SCAND ST 699 are considered upper level in the major.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the Scandinavian Studies advisor(s).

HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.300 in all SCAND ST and all major courses
- Complete at least 8 Honors credits from courses numbered SCAND ST 373 and higher
- Complete either SCAND ST 634 or SCAND ST 635 with a grade of B or better

- Complete a two-semester Senior Honors Thesis in SCAND ST 681 and SCAND ST 682, for a total of 6 credits.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree To receive a bachelor's degree from UW-Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW-Madison. "In residence" means on the UW-Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW-Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW-Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Develop speaking, listening, writing, and reading skills and integrate these skills to communicate in the target language (Danish, Norwegian, Swedish) including familiarity with the other two in a variety of social situations.
2. Recognize shifting geographic, cultural, ethnic/racial, and/or language factors in the Nordic region over time.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of major scholarly approaches, concepts and current research findings concerning the Nordic region.
4. Synthesize information, engage in discussion and research, and argue persuasively about key topics in the Nordic region.
5. Identify and analyze literary texts, films, and other cultural products, using both primary and secondary sources, used in the study of the Nordic region.
6. Integrate learned ideas and perspectives with broader social, cultural, and/or environmental contexts.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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This Four-Year Plan is only one way a student may complete an L&S degree with this major. Many factors can affect student degree planning, including placement scores, credit for transferred courses, credits earned by examination, and individual scholarly interests. In addition, many students have commitments (e.g., athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, work and volunteer experiences) that necessitate they adjust their plans accordingly. Informed students engage in their own unique Wisconsin Experience by consulting their academic advisors, Guide, DARS, and Course Search & Enroll for assistance making and adjusting their plan.

Freshman

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SCAND ST 101, 111, or 121	4 SCAND ST 102, 112, or 122	4
SCAND ST 476	4 SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE 443 (meets Ethnic Studies requirement)	4
Scandinavian Studies FIG Course	4 Social Science Breadth	4
Communication A	3 Quantitative Reasoning A	3-4
	15	15

Sophomore

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SCAND ST 201, 211, or 221	4 SCAND ST 202, 212, or 222	4
SCAND ST 475 (enroll in Communication B section)	4 GNS/FOLKLORE 200	3
Biological Science Breadth	3 Physical Science Breadth	3
INTER-LS 210	1 Science Breadth	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	16

Junior

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SCAND ST 251, 261, or 271	3-4 Study Abroad in Denmark, Iceland, Norway, or Sweden ¹	
Quantitative Reasoning B	3-4 Social Science Breadth	8
Science Breadth	3 Electives	8
Elective	4	
	14	16

Senior

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Elective in Major: Choose any in Language, Culture, and History	4 SCAND ST 401	3
Elective in Major: Choose any in Modern Scandinavian Literature	4 Electives	12
Electives	6	
	14	15

Total Credits 120**ADVISING AND CAREERS****ADVISING AND CAREERS
DECLARE OR CANCEL THIS MAJOR**

Please follow the process described on the German, Nordic, and Slavic+ website (https://gns.wisc.edu/undergraduate_majors/).

For advising and placement or declare the major, please contact our undergraduate advisor Joanna Schuth (jschuth@wisc.edu).

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

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 advising on careers related to languages, talk with Lydia Odegard (lodegard@wisc.edu), Language Directions Specialist in the Language Institute.

SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try “Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them,” (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW–Madison students

¹ Transfer credit will vary based on courses completed while abroad.