INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Students in the Scandinavian major select one of the following five concentrations: Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, Old Norse Studies, and Swedish. Each concentration allows students to explore the major while developing expertise within the language and literature of a Nordic language. Students receive further training in their major language skills by pursuing reading in original Scandinavian languages and through special add-on major units that allow students to work closely with a professor in their major language area.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

• Immerse yourself in Scandinavian language and culture through study abroad.
• Apply for a FLAS award to fund your language study.
• Visit the Nordic Studies Program to find resources and events to complement your coursework.
• Check out the robust collections and scholarly resources of Scandinavian Studies at the Doe Library and the department library.

INTERDISCIPLINARY OPTIONS

The Scandinavian department helps students pursue interdisciplinary interests through its own core courses and through double majors with other fields, such as environmental studies, history, drama, medieval literature, folklore, linguistics, international studies, peace studies, political science, film, and economics.

If you already have an intended major, consider adding Scandinavian as minor. It is not necessary to study a Scandinavian language for the minor; all upper division courses are taught in English with texts in translation and are easily accessible to students with general interests in Scandinavian culture.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit scandanavian.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING

Students can drop in to 6303A Dwinelle Hall to speak with an advisor or email issaug@berkeley.edu.

Advising Drop-In Hours:
Monday - Friday 8:30am-5pm

“Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.”

– Søren Kierkegaard

Visit ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
Explore your major
Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans. Review major and college requirements. Enroll in L&S 1 and an Arts & Humanities Gateway Course. Review the major guidelines for study abroad.

Connect and build community
Get 1:1 mentoring with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program. Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center. Explore the Berkeley Language Center.

Discover your passions
Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course. Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships. Explore the collection of Scandinavian scholarly resources in the department library and Doe Library.

Engage locally and globally
Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization. Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center. Explore study, internship, and research abroad options in Scandinavia with Berkeley Study Abroad.

Reflect and plan your future
Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library. Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner. Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail. Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.

FIRST YEAR
SECOND YEAR
COMPLETE THE PREREQUISITE LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENT IN SCANDINAVIAN MYTHOLOGY AND LITERATURE. SELECT A CONCENTRATION AND MEET WITH THE ADVISOR TO DECLARE THE MAJOR. BEGIN WORKING ON THE LOWER DIVISION LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT FOR YOUR CONCENTRATION.

THIRD YEAR
FOCUS ON UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS IN LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND ELECTIVES FOR YOUR CONCENTRATION. REVIEW YOUR DEGREE PROGRESS WITH YOUR MAJOR AND COLLEGE ADVISOR. ASK YOUR MAJOR ADVISOR ABOUT THE SCANDINAVIAN HONORS PROGRAM.

FOURTH YEAR
DO A DEGREE CHECK TO ENSURE YOU ARE ON TRACK TO GRADUATE. COMPLETE ANY "BUCKET LIST" COURSES. FINISH REMAINING MAJOR, COLLEGE, AND CAMPUS REQUIREMENTS. COMPLEMENT YOUR MAJOR WITH A CERTIFICATE, COURSE THREAD, OR SUMMER MINOR.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
Jobs and Employers

Graduate Programs
Bioarchaeology, MSc Cognition and Communication, MA English, PhD Law, JD Linguistics, PhD Medieval Icelandic Studies, Masters Scandinavian Studies, Masters Urban and Regional Planning, Masters

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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