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.

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, architecture, public policy, 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.

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.

“Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.”
– Søren Kierkegaard
**FIRST YEAR**

**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 HUM 10 (Compass Courses).
- Review the major guidelines for study abroad.

**Connect and build community**
- Get 11 mentoring from graduate students 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.

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**SECOND YEAR**

**Explore your major**
- 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.

**Connect and build community**
- Sign up for the Scandinavian email list and start attending department events.
- Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
- Explore resources from the Nordic Studies Program.

**Discover your passions**
- Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP and SMART.
- Build your research skills in HUM W101: Research Bootcamp.

**Engage locally and globally**
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find Scandinavian events in the Bay Area through the Nordic Councils General.
- Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Planning to study abroad in Scandinavia? Apply for the Lundberg Travel Grant.

**Reflect and plan your future**
- Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Shadow advisors during a winter externship.
- Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-By-Step for planning help.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.

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**THIRD YEAR**

**Explore your major**
- 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.

**Connect and build community**
- Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.
- Work with peers and graduate students in HUM 196: Mentored-Research and Discovery Groups.
- Join the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study.

**Discover your passions**
- Apply for a FLAS award to support your language study.
- Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
- Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in HUM 120: Entrepreneurship for All.

**Engage locally and globally**
- Experience life at another UC or college on a study abroad or gap year.
- Attend 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.

**Reflect and plan your future**
- Learn about career fields and conduct informational interviews with people in those fields.
- Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.
- Attend career and graduate school fairs.
- Check out career resources from the department.

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**FOURTH YEAR**

**Explore your major**
- 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.

**Connect and build community**
- Practice your language skills while helping others learn in the SLC Language Exchange Program.
- Get support for your thesis project in the Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop.
- Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.

**Discover your passions**
- Teach your own DeCal course.
- Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study.
- Apply for the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
- Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.

**Engage locally and globally**
- Experience life at another UC or college on a study abroad or gap year.
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**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

**Jobs and Employers**

**Graduate Programs**
- English, PhD
- Law, JD
- Linguistics, PhD
- Medieval Icelandic Studies, Masters
- Scandinavian Studies, Masters
- Urban and Regional Planning, Masters

**Examples gathered from the Career Destinations Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.**

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