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

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.

Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

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

Visit scandanavian.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

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**FIRST YEAR**

- 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.

**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.

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**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

**Jobs and Employers**

- Assoc. Corporate Counsel, Google
- Data Control Operations, Stanford
- Indep. Norwegian Lang. Translator
- Photographer, Iceland Magazine
- Teacher, Hayward High School

**Graduate Programs**

- Cognition and Communication, MA
- English, PhD
- Law, JD
- Linguistics, PhD
- Medieval Icelandic Studies, Masters
- Scandinavian Studies, Masters
- Urban and Regional Planning, Masters

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

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