The Scandinavian studies program provides the opportunity to learn a Scandinavian language or Finnish (modern Icelandic only occasionally). The literature, folklore, and culture of the Nordic countries are taught both in the original languages and in English translation. Partly in cooperation with other departments, courses in Scandinavian area studies are offered (history, social institutions, geography, art, archaeology). Students who major in the field may continue graduate studies toward an M.A. in Scandinavian philology, literature, or area studies, and toward a Ph.D. in Scandinavian literature, philology, or folklore.

The program strongly encourages a junior-year abroad in a Nordic country; several exchange programs are available. Students who transfer to this university after a year abroad should contact the undergraduate advisor as early as possible to schedule a placement test.

**Note:** SCAND ST 301 Intensive Finnish I and SCAND ST 302 Intensive Finnish II each count as 2 units of foreign language for the purpose of meeting the College of Letters & Science foreign language requirement.

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.

**HOW TO GET IN**

Student interested in pursuing an undergraduate major in Scandinavian studies should contact the advisor about declaring the major.

### ADVISOR

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608-262-2090
aschmidt2@wisc.edu

### 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 (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatetext) section of the Guide.

### COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE BREADTH AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

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. View a comparison of the degree requirements here. (https://pubs.wisc.edu/home/archives/ug15/images/babs2009.pdf)

### BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**Mathematics**

Fulfilled with completion of University General Education requirements Quantitative Reasoning a (QR A) and Quantitative Reasoning b (QR B) coursework. Please note that some majors may require students to complete additional math coursework beyond the B.A. mathematics requirement.

**Foreign Language**

- Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR
- Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language

**L&S Breadth**

- Humanities, 12 credits: 6 of the 12 credits must be in literature
- Social Sciences, 12 credits
- Natural Sciences, 12 credits: must include one 3+ credit course in the biological sciences; must include one 3+ credit course in the physical sciences

**Liberal Arts and Science Coursework**

108 credits

**Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work**

60 intermediate or advanced credits

**Major**

Declare and complete at least one (1) major

**Total Credits**

120 credits

**UW-Madison Experience**

30 credits in residence, overall

30 credits in residence after the 90th credit
Minimum GPAs
- 2.00 in all coursework at UW–Madison
- 2.00 in intermediate/advanced 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 and do not need to complete the L&S breadth and degree requirements above. Please note that the following special degree programs are not considered majors so are not available to non–L&S degree-seeking candidates:

- Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics (Bachelor of Science–Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics)
- Journalism (Bachelor of Arts–Journalism; Bachelor of Science–Journalism)
- Music (Bachelor of Music)
- Social Work (Bachelor of Social Work)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR**

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**LITERATURE & CULTURE**

18 credits and at least one course from each area

**Language, Culture and History**

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<td>Introduction to Scandinavian Linguistics</td>
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<td>Memory and Literature from Proust to Knausgard</td>
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RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

2.000 GPA in all SCAND ST and major courses

2.000 GPA on at least 15 credits of upper-level work in the major

15 credits in SCAND ST taken on campus

1 SCAND ST 373 and above are considered upper level in the major

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

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

HONORS IN THE SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES MAJOR: REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major in Scandinavian Studies, 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 major courses
• 8 Honors credits numbered SCAND ST 373 and higher
• 1 Survey of Scandinavian Literature course with a grade of B or better, from:

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• 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

1. Reach Intermediate-High / Advanced-Low language proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing, according to ACTFL guidelines, through five semesters of a Nordic language.

2. Familiarize the students with three Nordic languages (Danish, Norwegian, and Swedish) to complement their knowledge of their chosen language via the 6th semester Scandinavian Language class (SCAND ST 401).

3. Demonstrate understanding in a global context in a field of study covering literature, history, area studies, folklore, or philology classes.

4. Select and utilize the most appropriate methods of study and inquiry within the content of the classes taken.

5. Evaluate and respond to information pertaining to the classes taken, showing clear analytical and critical thinking skills.

6. Communicate clearly in appropriate ways in the classes taken.

7. If possible, benefit from a semester or year’s study abroad leading to a consolidation and enhancement of the above mentioned skills.

8. Recognize and apply principles of ethical and professional conduct.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

For advising and placement in Scandinavian studies contact our undergraduate advisor:

Nete Schmidt, Scandinavian Studies Undergraduate Advisor
aschmidt2@wisc.edu
1368 Van Hise

For other undergraduate concerns, please contact our undergraduate coordinator:

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undergrad@gns.wisc.edu
608-262-2090
1306 Van Hise

For additional career advising, please contact:

SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science
711 State Street, Suite 300
Madison, WI 53703
608-262-3921
SuccessWorks@ls.wisc.edu

L&S CAREER RESOURCES

SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science helps students leverage the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and liberal arts degree; explore and try out different career paths; participate
in internships; prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications; and network with professionals in the field (alumni and employers).

SuccessWorks can also assist students in career advising, résumé and cover letter writing, networking opportunities, and interview skills, as well as course offerings for undergraduates to begin their career exploration early in their undergraduate career.

- SuccessWorks (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu)
- Set up a career advising appointment (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment)
- INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit, targeted to first- and second-year students)—for more information, see Inter-LS 210: Career Development, Taking Initiative (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/inter-ls-210-career-development-taking-initiative)
- Learn how we’re transforming career preparation: L&S Career Initiative (http://ls.wisc.edu/lsci)

### PEOPLE

Professors Susan Brantly, Thomas DuBois, Kirsten Wolf
Assistant Professors Dean Krouk, Claus Andersen
Faculty Associates Scott A. Mellor, Nete Schmidt
Senior Lecturer Peggy Hager
Associate Lecturer Todd Michelson-Ambelang