SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirementstext) and policies (https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiestext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Detail
Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.5 GPA required.
Other Grade Requirements	PhD candidates should maintain a 3.5 GPA in all courses. If a student's grades drop below the average indicated, the GPA must be brought up to the minimum by the end of the following semester. Incompletes must be removed within the following semester or summer session of residence.
Assessments and Examinations	All pathways require a comprehensive written and oral examination and dissertation.
Language Requirements	Unless already completed for the UW-Madison Scandinavian Studies MA requirements, all pathways require an advanced competency in a modern Scandinavian language. If the modern Scandinavian Language is Finnish or Icelandic, a working knowledge of Norwegian, Swedish, or Danish is required. For all pathways, a minimal competency in German and another research language approved by the department is required in German or another research language. The philology pathway requires two semesters of Old Norse. For the literature pathway a competency in Old Norse is encouraged.
Graduate School Breadth Requirement	All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/).

REQUIRED COURSES

Each pathway has specific course requirements to be met.

Literary and Cultural Studies Pathway [1]

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
SCAND ST 401	Contemporary Scandinavian Languages	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 407	Introductory Old Norse	
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 430	The Vikings	
SCAND ST/ LITTRANS 435	The Sagas of Icelanders in English Translation	
Select one of the following:		3
SCAND ST/ HISTORY 431	History of Scandinavia to 1815	
SCAND ST/ HISTORY 577	Contemporary Scandinavia: Politics and History [2]	
SCAND ST/ HISTORY 432	History of Scandinavia Since 1815	
Select one of the following, depending on individual circumstances and determined in consultation with the graduate advisor:		3

SCAND ST 901	Seminar in Special Topics [2]	
SCAND ST 634	Survey of Scandinavian Literature: 1500-1800	
SCAND ST 635	Survey of Scandinavian Literature: 1800-1890	
Professional Development		
GNS 700	Graduate Seminar in Professional Development	3
Breadth		**9**
Electives		
Students consult with their advisor to select courses numbered 300 or above. Recommended courses may be found below. SCAND ST 990 does not count toward elective credits.		12
Additional Coursework		
Students must complete additional credits to meet minimum credit requirement, this may include SCAND ST 990 research credits.		14-15
Total Credits		**51**

[1] These pathways are internal to the program and represent different curricular paths a student can follow to earn this degree. Pathway names do not appear in the Graduate School admissions application, and they will not appear on the transcript.

[2] Students must take SCAND ST/HISTORY 577 and SCAND ST 901 for 3 credits to satisfy these requirements.

Recommended Courses

Code	Title	Credits
SCAND ST 422	The Drama of Henrik Ibsen	4
SCAND ST/ LITTRANS 320	The Nordic Child	3
SCAND ST 424	Nineteenth-Century Scandinavian Fiction	3-4
SCAND ST 426	Kierkegaard and Scandinavian Literature	3
SCAND ST 427	Contemporary Scandinavian Literature	4
SCAND ST/ LITTRANS 428	Memory and Literature from Proust to Knausgard	3
SCAND ST 434	The Art of Isak Dinesen/Karen Blixen	4
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE/ MEDIEVAL 446	Celtic-Scandinavian Cultural Interrelations	3
SCAND ST 348	The Second World War in Nordic Culture	3
SCAND ST/ GEN&WS/ LITTRANS 438	Sexual Politics in Scandinavia	3
SCAND ST 439	Nordic Filmmakers	3
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE 443	Sami Culture, Yesterday and Today	4
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 444	Kalevala and Finnish Folk-Lore	4

Philology Pathway [1]

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 407	Introductory Old Norse	3
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 408	Intermediate Old Norse	3
SCAND ST 511	Paleography and Philology - Old Norse	3
Select one of the following:		3
SCAND ST 415	History of the Scandinavian Languages II: Standard Languages	
SCAND ST 510	Topics in Scandinavian Linguistics	
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 409	Survey of Old Norse-Icelandic Literature	
Professional Development		
GNS 700	Graduate Seminar in Professional Development	3
Breadth		**9**
Electives		
Students consult with their advisor to select courses numbered 300 and above.		12
Additional Coursework		
Students must complete additional credits to meet minimum credit requirement, this may include SCAND ST 990 research credits.		15
Total Credits		**51**

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Folklore Pathway [1]

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
In consultation with advisors, students should select courses that provide a detailed knowledge of the folklore of one Nordic culture and a general knowledge of Nordic with a firm command of the folklore of Nordic Americans. Familiarity with the history, institutions and cultural history of the Nordic countries is fundamental to this pathway. Students should select courses numbered 300 and above. Recommended courses may be found below. SCAND ST 990 may be applied to total minimum credit requirements.		39
Professional Development		
GNS 700	Graduate Seminar in Professional Development	3
Breadth		
Students complete a doctoral minor (Option B) focused on folklore, including the following course:		9
FOLKLORE/ L I S 490	Field Methods and the Public Presentation of Folklore	
Total Credits		**51**

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Recommended Courses

Code	Title	Credits
SCAND ST/ HISTORY 431	History of Scandinavia to 1815	3
SCAND ST/ HISTORY 432	History of Scandinavia Since 1815	3
SCAND ST/ LITTRANS 435	The Sagas of Icelanders in English Translation	3
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE 440	Scandinavian American Folklore	3
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE 443	Sami Culture, Yesterday and Today	4
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 444	Kalevala and Finnish Folk-Lore	4
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE/ MEDIEVAL 446	Celtic-Scandinavian Cultural Interrelations	3
Possible Courses of Interest		
FOLKLORE 320	Folklore of Wisconsin	3
FOLKLORE/ RELIG ST 326	The Supernatural in the Modern World	3
FOLKLORE 460	Folk Epics	3
FOLKLORE/ COM ARTS 522	Digital Storytelling for Social Media	3
FOLKLORE 540	Local Culture and Identity in the Upper Midwest	3
ART HIST 364	History of American Art: Art, Material Culture, and Constructions of Identity, 1607-present	3-4
ART HIST 601	Introduction to Museum Studies I	3
ENGL/HISTORY/ RELIG ST 360	Early Medieval England	3
ENGL/ MEDIEVAL 427	Chaucer's Canterbury Tales	3
GEOG 342	Geography of Wisconsin	3
GERMAN 650	History of the German Language	3
GERMAN/ MEDIEVAL 651	Introduction to Middle High German	3
GERMAN/ MEDIEVAL 755	Old Germanic Languages	3
HISTORY 359	History of Europe Since 1945	3-4
HISTORY/ SCAND ST 577	Contemporary Scandinavia: Politics and History	3-4
LAND ARC 677	Cultural Resource Preservation and Landscape History	3
LAND ARC/ ANTHRO/ART HIST/ DS/HISTORY 764	Dimensions of Material Culture	4
RELIG ST/ FOLKLORE 352	Shamanism	3