SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES, B.A.

The Scandinavian Studies program provides the opportunity to learn the literature, folklore, politics, and culture of the Nordic countries in the original languages and in English translation. Partly in cooperation with other departments, we offer courses in Scandinavian language, history, culture, social institutions, gender and women's studies, geography, arts, archaeology, myths, and folklore.

Students also 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 may apply to Norden House, a residential language immersion program for UW students studying Norwegian, Danish or Swedish, housed in Adams Residence Hall.

Scholars who major in the field are equipped for careers in the countries that are the world leaders in gender equity, societal welfare, and 21st century business practices, as well as a range of careers including education, law, international trade, translation, civil service, non-profits, the arts, linguistics, literature, environmental sciences, conservation, diplomacy, and more.

HOW TO GET IN

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

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/#requirementsforundergraduatetestudytext) section of the Guide.

- **General Education**
  - Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
  - Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
  - Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits
  - Communication Part A & Part B *
  - Ethnic Studies *
  - Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE 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.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- **Mathematics**
  - Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

- **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**
  - 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and
  - 12 credits of Social Science; and
  - 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.

- **Liberal Arts and Science Coursework**
  - Complete at least 108 credits.

- **Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work**
  - Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.

- **Major**
  - Declare and complete at least one major.

- **Total Credits**
  - Complete at least 120 credits.

- **UW-Madison Experience**
  - 30 credits in residence, overall; and
  - 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.

- **Quality of Work**
  - 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison
  - 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level 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
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RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all SCAND ST and all major courses
- 2.000 GPA on at least 15 credits of upper-level work in the major1
- 15 credits in SCAND ST, taken on campus

1 SCAND ST 373 to SCAND ST 699 are considered upper level in the major.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the Scandinavian Studies advisor(s).
HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
To earn Honors in the Major, 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 all major courses
- Complete at least 8 Honors credits from courses numbered
  SCAND ST 373 and higher
- Complete either SCAND ST 634 or SCAND ST 635 with a grade of B or
  better
- Complete 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.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN
SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN
This Sample Four-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their
advisor(s). Students should use it—along with their DARS report, the
Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools—to make their own
four-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred
courses and approved examinations, and individual interests. As students
become involved in athletics, honors, research, student organizations,
study abroad, volunteer experiences, and/or work, they might adjust the
order of their courses to accommodate these experiences. Students will
likely revise their own four-year plan several times during college.

Freshman
Fall Credits Spring Credits
SCAND ST 101, 111, or 121 4 SCAND ST 102, 112, or 122 4
SCAND ST 476 4 SCAND ST/FOLKLORE 443 (meets Ethnic Studies requirement) 4
Scandinavian Studies FIG Course 4 Social Science Breadth 4
Communication A 3 Quantitative Reasoning A 3-4

Sophomore
Fall Credits Spring Credits
SCAND ST 201, 211, or 221 4 SCAND ST 202, 212, or 222 4
SCAND ST 475 (enroll in Communication B section) 4 GNS/FOLKLORE 200 3
Biological Science Breadth 3 Physical Science Breadth 3
INTER-LS 210 1 Science Breadth 3
Elective 3 Elective 3

Junior
Fall Credits Spring Credits
SCAND ST 251, 261, or 271 3-4 Study Abroad in Denmark, Iceland, Norway, or Sweden 3
Quantitative Reasoning B 3-4 Social Science Breadth 8
Science Breadth 3 Electives 8
Elective 4

Senior
Fall Credits Spring Credits
Elective in Major: Choose any in Language, Culture, and History 4 SCAND ST 401 3

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## Elective in Major:

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1 Transfer credit will vary based on courses completed while abroad.

### ADVISING AND CAREERS

For advising and placement, please contact our undergraduate advisor:

Joanna Schuth, Undergraduate Advisor  
jschuth@wisc.edu (undergrad@gns.wisc.edu)  
608-262-2090  
836 Van Hise  
Make an appointment through Starfish (https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/)

Students who transfer to UW after a year abroad should contact the undergraduate advisor as early as possible to schedule a placement test.

**Note:** SCAND ST 302 (https://guide.wisc.edu/search/?P=SCAND%20ST%20302) Intensive Finnish II satisfies the 3rd semester of the Finnish language sequence 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.

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). In short, SuccessWorks helps students in the College of Letters & Science discover themselves, find opportunities, and develop the skills they need for success after graduation.

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.

Students should set up their profiles in Handshake (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/) to take care of everything they need to explore career events, manage their campus interviews, and apply to jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers around the country.

### PEOPLE

**Professor**

Susan Brantly, Thomas DuBois, Kirsten Wolf*

**Associate Professor**

Dean Krouk

**Assistant Professor**

Claus Andersen, Benjamin Mier-Cruz, Liina-Ly Roos

**Faculty Associate**

Scott A. Mellor, Nete Schmidt

**Lecturer**

B. Marcus Cederström

**Associate Lecturer**

Todd Michelson-Ambelang

* unit head