The Scandinavian Studies major provides the opportunity to learn the
literature, folklore, history, 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, arts, myths, and
folklore.

Students also may continue graduate studies toward an MA in
Scandinavian philology, literature, or area studies, and toward a PhD in
Scandinavian literature, philology, or folklore.

The program strongly encourages a junior year abroad in a Nordic country;
several exchange programs in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and elsewhere
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.