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The Scandinavian Studies program is an interdisciplinary program that combines acquisition of a Scandinavian language with study of the diversity and richness of the greater Nordic cultural region of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and Iceland. With a major or minor in Scandinavian Studies, students become familiar with the heritage of Scandinavia from the Vikings to the modern day and learn more about the role of the Nordic nations in communications technology, environmental awareness, social equality, and international peace initiatives in the contemporary world. A Scandinavian Studies minor can enhance a traditional major and serve to internationalize students' education, whether in international relations or international business, art or literature. It is recommended that students combine a Scandinavian Studies major or minor with studies in fields such as art, history, international business, international relations, modern languages, political science, or social work.

The Scandinavian Studies Program involves a variety of Minnesota State Mankato departments and programs. Minnesota State Mankato also has study abroad options in Norway, Sweden, and Finland for Scandinavian Studies majors and minors. Additional courses, particularly for majors, may also be completed in language, literature, history, and peace studies at Gustavus Adolphus College in nearby St. Peter, Minnesota. Minnesota State Mankato students carrying 12 semester credits may pay Minnesota State Mankato tuition to take a course at Gustavus Adolphus College that is not offered at Minnesota State Mankato.

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES BA

The Bachelor of Arts major in Scandinavian Studies requires 32 semester credits, including a core of language courses (usually at least two years), a 3-credit "capstone" experience, and approved electives. Students interested in focusing on Scandinavian languages and literature may choose to major in Scandinavian Studies, but they are strongly encouraged to pursue a second major in other BA program or two minors in other BA programs that will complement students' interdisciplinary studies. One minor is required. Majors will work closely with the Scandinavian Studies advisor to develop a course of studies that offers flexibility to suit students' needs and interests.

Required for Major (Choose either Norwegian or Swedish, 10-16 credits):

NORWEGIAN:

- SCAN 101 Elementary Norwegian I (4)
- SCAN 102 Elementary Norwegian II (4)
- SCAN 292 Intermediate Norwegian I (1-4)
- SCAN 293 Intermediate Norwegian II (1-4) **OR**

SWEDISH:

- SCAN 111 Elementary Swedish I (4)
- SCAN 112 Elementary Swedish II (4)
- SCAN 294 Intermediate Swedish I (1-4)
- SCAN 295 Intermediate Swedish II (1-4)

Capstone Project (3 Credits):

- SCAN 490 Major Project in Scandinavian Studies (3)

Required for Major (13-19 credits):

Some elective courses concentrate exclusively on study of Scandinavia, while others have a strong component relating to the Nordic countries. Students taking these related courses for Scandinavian Studies credit should inform the instructor, and the students will be required to write a paper or complete a project on a Nordic topic. The department offers at least one topics course per semester.

Individual study courses can also be arranged in several departments with faculty who have special interests in Scandinavia. Some elective courses may be taken at Gustavus Adolphus College with approval of the Minnesota State Mankato Director of Scandinavian Studies.

Elective courses at Minnesota State Mankato

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| ANTH 436 | Anthropology of Aging (3) |
| ART 413 | Scandinavian Art (3) |
| ART 492 | Art History Seminar (1-6) |
| ART 494 | Topics (3) |
| ART 499 | Individual Study (1-9) |
| ENG 499 | Individual Study (1-4) |
| GERO 200 | Aging: Interdisciplinary Perspectives (3) |
| GERO 485 | Topics in Gerontology (1-3) |
| GERO 499 | Individual Study in Gerontology (1-4) |
| LAW 434 | Comparative Criminal Justice System (3) |
| MASS 499 | Individual Study (1-2) |
| POL 439 | Comparative Social Policy: The Welfare State in Europe and the Americas (3) |
| POL 447 | Europe: Politics and Policy (3) |
| POL 449 | Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3) |
| SCAN 299 | Individual Studies (1-4) |
| SCAN 499 | Individual Studies (1-4) |
| SOWK 255 | Global Responses to Human Need (3) |

Elective courses at Gustavus Adolphus College

See the current Gustavus Adolphus College Bulletin for course offerings in advanced Swedish language, literature, history, and peace studies.

Required Minor: Yes, any.

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES MINOR

A minor in Scandinavian Studies requires 20 semester credits and can be completed at Minnesota State Mankato. The core of at least 8 credits in Norwegian or Swedish language is supplemented by a 1-credit "capstone" experience plus approved electives. This interdisciplinary minor can be combined with any major at Minnesota State Mankato. Because the minor is tailored to the individual interests, students should consult the Scandinavian Studies program director as well as the major advisor.

Required for Minor (Language Sequence and Capstone Experience, 9 credits):

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| SCAN 101 | Elementary Norwegian I (4) |
| SCAN 102 | Elementary Norwegian II (4) OR |
| SCAN 111 | Elementary Swedish I (4) |
| SCAN 112 | Elementary Swedish II (4) |
| SCAN 492 | Minor Project in Scandinavian Studies (1) |

Required for Minor (11 credits):

Some elective courses concentrate exclusively on study of Scandinavia, while others have a strong component relating to the Nordic countries. Students taking these related courses for Scandinavian Studies credit should inform the instructor, and the students will be required to write a paper or complete a project on a Nordic topic. The department offers at least one topics course per semester. Individual study courses can also be arranged in several departments with faculty who have special interests in Scandinavia. Some elective courses may be taken at Gustavus Adolphus College with approval of the Minnesota State Mankato Director of Scandinavian Studies.

Elective courses at Minnesota State Mankato

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| ANTH 436 | ART 413 | ART 492 | ART 494 | ART 499 |
| ENG 499 | GERO 200 | GERO 485 | GERO 499 | LAW 434 |
| MASS 499 | POL 439 | POL 447 | POL 449 | SCAN 292 |
| SCAN 293 | SCAN 294 | SCAN 295 | SCAN 299 | SCAN 499 |
| SOWK 255 | | | | |

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POLICIES/INFORMATION

GPA Policy. A grade of “C” or better must be earned for minor or major credits.

P/N Grading Policy. Work done for a minor or major must be done for a letter grade, except the Minor Project in Scandinavian Studies (1 credit) which must be taken P/N.

Norwegian and Swedish elementary language sequences start in the fall of every other year.

SCAN 101, SCAN 102, SCAN 111, and SCAN 112 meet General Education requirements for Goal Area 8: Global Perspectives.

SCAN 299, SCAN 250W, SCAN 450 and SCAN 499 may be repeated with different topics.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SCAN 101 (4) Elementary Norwegian I

An introduction to the basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing coupled with culture.

ALT-Fall
GE-8

SCAN 102 (4) Elementary Norwegian II

An introduction to the basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing coupled with culture.

Pre: SCAN 101
ALT-Spring
GE-8

SCAN 111 (4) Elementary Swedish I

An introduction to the basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, coupled with cultural notes.

ALT-Fall
GE-8

SCAN 112 (4) Elementary Swedish II

An introduction to the basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, coupled with cultural notes.

Pre: SCAN 111
ALT-Spring
GE-8

SCAN 250 (1-4) Selected Topics

Special topics courses in Scandinavian Studies will deal with a variety of topics regarding the history, literature, art and culture of the Nordic countries. SCAN 250 courses are planned with the interests and needs of beginning students in mind; they offer broad introductions to the most important artefacts and/discourses in the respective field. Writing assignments offer opportunities to learn to discuss adequately and critically central issues and theories. The course may be repeated for credit.

Fall, Spring

SCAN 292 (1-4) Intermediate Norwegian I

Development of reading and listening skills, oral and writing practice within a cultural context. To be arranged with instructor prior to registration.

Pre: SCAN 102 or equivalent.

SCAN 293 (1-4) Intermediate Norwegian II

Development of reading and listening skills, oral and writing practice within a cultural context. To be arranged with instructor prior to registration.

Pre: SCAN 102 or equivalent

SCAN 294 (1-4) Intermediate Swedish I

Development of reading and listening skills, oral and writing practice within a cultural context. To be arranged with instructor prior to registration.

Pre: SCAN 112 or equivalent

SCAN 295 (1-4) Intermediate Swedish II

Development of reading and listening skills, oral and writing practice within a cultural context. To be arranged with instructor prior to registration.

Pre: SCAN 112 or equivalent

SCAN 299 (1-4) Individual Study

Variable

SCAN 450 (1-4) Special Topics

Special topics courses in Scandinavian Studies will deal with a variety of topics regarding the history, literature, art, and culture of the Nordic countries.

SCAN 450 course is planned with the interests and needs of more advanced students in mind; they build on and expand upon clearly defined methods and critical approaches which the students will explore both in class discussions and writing assignments. The course may be repeated for credit.

Fall, Spring

SCAN 455 (4) Scandinavian Film History

This course introduces students to the history of cinema in Scandinavia as well as to some fundamental questions about film as a national and transnational cultural product. It gives insight into many facets of modern Scandinavian culture and helps students expand on their knowledge of cinematographic styles, themes and repertoires.

SCAN 490 (3) Major Project in Scandinavian Studies

Individual project demonstrating ability to synthesize experience in interdisciplinary major, drawing together different areas of study focusing on specific topic, problem or concern and demonstrating ability to use a Scandinavian language. Approval of Scandinavian Studies program director required.

Pre: Admission to college as Scandinavian Studies Major.

SCAN 492 (1) Minor Project in Scandinavian Studies

Individual project demonstrating ability to synthesize experience in interdisciplinary minor, drawing together different areas of study focusing on specific topic, problem or concern and demonstrating elementary use of a Scandinavian language. Approval of the Scandinavian Studies program director required. Must be taken P/N.

SCAN 499 (1-4) Individual Study

Advanced study of works by selected Swedish or Norwegian authors.

Pre: SCAN 299 or SCAN 299

Variable