

Scandinavian Studies

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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 provide a global focus to students' education, whether in engineering or health sciences, 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, World Languages & Cultures, political science, engineering 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.

POLICIES/INFORMATION

GPA Policy. A grade of "C-" or better must be earned for major or minor credit.

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, SCAN 460 and SCAN 499 may be repeated with different topics.

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.

Major Common Core

SCAN 490 Major Project in Scandinavian Studies (3)

Choose 1 Cluster (Choose four semesters of either Norwegian or Swedish.)

Norwegian Language - (Choose 10-16 credit)

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)

Swedish Language - (Choose 10-16 credits)

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)

Major Unrestricted Electives

(Choose 13-19 credits)

You need to receive approval by the director of Scandinavian Studies before the beginning of the semester to ensure that you will be able to apply credit achieved in courses from affiliated programs (courses with a prefix other than "SCAN") toward a major or minor in Scandinavian Studies. If you wish to take any course not listed below at Gustavus Adolphus, please see their catalogue and consult the director of Scandinavian Studies.

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 (1-6)

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 in Mass Media (1-2)

POL 439 Comparative Social Policy: The Welfare State in Europe and the Americas (3)

POL 447 Europe: Politics & Policy (3)

POL 449 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)

SCAN 150W The Nordic Countries; An Introduction (4)

SCAN 250 Selected Topics (1-4)

SCAN 251W Scandinavian Cultures: The Sami (4)

SCAN 299 Individual Study (1-4)

SCAN 450 Special Topics (1-4)

SCAN 451 Scandinavian Crime Fiction (4)

SCAN 460 Topics in Scandinavian Film (4)

SCAN 499 Individual Study (1-4)

SOWK 255 Global Responses to Human Need (3)

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

Capstone Project (1 Credit)

SCAN 492 Minor Project in Scandinavian Studies (1)

NORWEGIAN

SCAN 101 Elementary Norwegian I (4)

SCAN 102 Elementary Norwegian II (4)

OR

SWEDISH

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES

SCAN 111	Elementary Swedish I (4)
SCAN 112	Elementary Swedish II (4)

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.

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Elective courses at Minnesota State Mankato

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 150W
SCAN 250	SCAN 251W	SCAN 292	SCAN 293	SCAN 294
SCAN 295	SCAN 299	SCAN 450	SCAN 451	SCAN 460
SCAN 499	SOWK 255			

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.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SCAN 101 (4) Elementary Norwegian I

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

Variable
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
Variable
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 150W (4) The Nordic Countries; Interdisciplinary Introduction

This course offers an interdisciplinary introduction to the Nordic countries (Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Greenland, Faroe Islands); it will provide an overview of their geography, history, culture, society and current political situation in comparison to the U.S.

Alt-Fall
WI, GE-6, GE-8
Diverse Cultures - Purple

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 251W (4) Scandinavian Cultures: The Sami

In this course, students will learn about the indigenous population of Scandinavia, the Sami. Students will investigate Sami traditions and cultural production along with the historical and contemporary sociopolitical standing of the Sami within the majority cultures of Scandinavia.

Variable
WI, GE-6, GE-8
Diverse Culture - Purple

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 courses are 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 451 (4) Scandinavian Crime Fiction

In this course, students will read about crime and deviance in Scandinavia and will develop an understanding of how a culture conceptualizes its ethico-political struggles through literature.

Variable
Diverse Culture - Purple

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES

SCAN 460 (4) Topics in Scandinavian Film

Revolving topics in Scandinavian Film. Students will explore issues of cultural and historical importance as presented through the medium of film. Written assignments and exams allow students to practice and display analytical and interpretive techniques. May be repeated for credit.

Variable

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