SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES BA / 
UCAS CODE: R600 
2018 ENTRY

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Scandinavian Studies BA /

This degree provides the opportunity to specialise in the Danish, Norwegian or Swedish language, and to develop an in-depth appreciation of Scandinavian culture. You will have access to state-of-the-art language teaching facilities and the largest and oldest Scandinavian library in the UK, and will spend a year in a Scandinavian country.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// This degree programme gives you the opportunity to learn a Scandinavian language of which you have no prior knowledge and attain a near-native competence by the time you graduate.

// You will spend a year abroad in Scandinavia, benefiting from the department's extensive contacts with universities in Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

// UCL Scandinavian Studies has specialists across the areas of language, politics, history, medieval studies, literature and film.

// You will have access to the largest and oldest Scandinavian library in the country, as well as state-of-the-art facilities within the UCL Language Space.

Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014
The Research Excellence Framework, or REF, is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The 2014 REF was carried out by the UK's higher education funding bodies, and the results used to allocate research funding from 2015/16.

// 74% rated 4* ('world-leading') or 3* ('internationally excellent')

Learn more about the scope of UCL’s research, and browse case studies, on our Research Impact website.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 0.5 or 1.0 credits, adding up to a total of 4.0 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 1.0 credit is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

Language modules are mandatory in each year. You will nominate your chosen language as Danish, Norwegian or Swedish. No prior knowledge of the language chosen is required. The rest of your degree will be made up of other compulsory modules featuring cultural studies and linguistics, plus optional modules chosen according to your interests.

You will spend your third year in the country where your chosen language is spoken.

You will also take modules from SELCS. This will allow you to study subjects like literature, film, art and culture from a wider perspective. You will be exposed to broad cultural movements, issues and approaches and be able to draw on the full range of specialisms within the school.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Basic Language Module in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish
// Histories and Cultures of the Nordic Region
// Introduction to Linguistics and the Scandinavian Languages
// Introduction to Old Norse
// Nordic Storytelling

Optional modules

// You will also choose interdepartmental modules offered by SELCS. Options may include the study of linguistics, film and history.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Intermediate Language Module in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish

Optional modules

// You will select 3.0 credits of optional modules. Options may include:
// Basic Modern Icelandic
// Finnish Language I
// Intermediate Old Norse
// Introduction to Finnish Society and Culture
// Nordic Cinema
// Nordic Landscapes
// Nordic Politics and Society
// Scandinavian Literature in Context
// The Nordic Welfare States
// Viking Age Scandinavia
// SELCS Intermediate Level modules

YEAR THREE

Year abroad

// For further information on the year abroad please visit the SELCS year abroad website.

// You will engage in guided academic work and critical reflections so as to make the most of your cultural and linguistic immersion.
FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Advanced Language Module in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish
- Advanced Project Work in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish
- Dissertation in Scandinavian Studies

Optional modules

- You will select 2.0 credits of optional modules. Options may include:
  - Advanced Old Norse
  - Intermediate Finnish Language 2
  - Intermediate Modern Icelandic
  - Nordic Cinema
  - Nordic Landscapes
  - Nordic Politics and Society
  - The Nordic Welfare States
  - Reading Finnish Society and Culture
  - Scandinavian Social Democracy
  - Translation from the Scandinavian Languages
  - The Vikings in Europe
  - SELCS Advanced Level modules

Your learning

Teaching consists of a mixture of lectures, classes, seminars, group work and presentations. Language elements comprise four taught hours a week for basic language in year one, four hours a week for intermediate language in year two, and two hours a week for advanced language in the final year. A significant portion of your work will take place in guided independent study. Language teaching is generally undertaken by native speakers.

Assessment

Most modules are assessed by a mixture of coursework and written examination. Some are assessed by essays only. Language modules are assessed by coursework and written and oral examinations.

Your career

Upon graduation you will be fluent in your chosen language and have a reading knowledge of other Scandinavian languages. The historical and literary parts of the degree will develop your cultural awareness. You will be trained in the organisation, presentation and interpretation of complex information, written and oral communication, and independent and group work.

Many of our graduates find they are able to use their Scandinavian languages in a variety of contexts, such as working for Scandinavian companies. Recent graduates have also entered translating, publishing and teaching.

Please see first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from European Languages, Culture and Society programmes at UCL for a selection of representative careers.

- Full-time student, MPhil in Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic at the University of Cambridge
- Intern, British Embassy

Your application

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

Data taken from the 'Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education' survey undertaken by HESA looking at the destinations of UK and EU students in the 2013-2015 graduating cohorts six months after graduation.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
ABB
Subjects
Foreign language preferred.

GCSE
English Language at grade B, plus Mathematics at grade C. For UK-based students, a grade C or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

IB DIPLOMA
Points
34 overall.
Subjects
A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects, preferably including a foreign language, with no score lower than 5.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)
The Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

TUITION FEES
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2017/18 academic year and are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for 2018 entry will appear here as soon as they are available.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2017/18 - see below)
// Overseas: £17,710 (2017/18)

The UK/EU fee quoted above may be subject to increase for the 2018/19 academic year and for each year of study thereafter and UCL reserves the right to increase its fees in line with UK government policy (including on an annual basis for each year of study during a programme). Fees for overseas students may be subject to an annual increase in subsequent years of study by up to 5%.

Please see the full details of UCL’s fees and possible changes on the UCL Current Students website.

FUNDING
Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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EU referendum
For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum

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