SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES AND HISTORY BA / UCAS CODE: RV6C 2018 ENTRY

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Scandinavian Studies and History BA /

This four-year BA, taught in conjunction with UCL’s School of Slavonic & East European Studies (SSEES), combines study of the languages and culture of Scandinavia with a wide range of optional modules in the history of the Nordic and Baltic regions. Year three is spent 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.
- SSEES is the largest national centre in the UK for the study of central, Eastern and South-East Europe and Russia. The SSEES library contains over 400,000 books, journals and film resources.

### 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 is required. You will select between Scandinavian cultural studies modules in literature and history as well as language-based modules such as linguistics. Half your modules will be in Scandinavian Studies and half will be on the history of the Nordic and Baltic region.

You will spend your third year studying at a university 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

**Optional modules**
- You will select from the following modules to the value of 1.0 credits:
  - Histories and Cultures of the Nordic Region
  - Introduction to Linguistics and the Scandinavian Languages
  - Introduction to Literary Studies
  - Introduction to Old Norse
  - SELCS Intermediate Level modules
- In addition you will select 2.0 credits from a wide range of optional history modules taught in SSEES.

#### YEAR TWO

**Core or compulsory module(s)**
- Intermediate Language Module in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish

**Optional modules**
- You will select 1.0 credits from all Scandinavian Studies year two options and 2.0 credits from all SSEES history options.
- Scandinavian options may include:
  - Nordic Cinema
  - Nordic Landsapes
  - Nordic Politics and Society
  - Old Norse I
  - The Nordic Welfare States
  - SELCS Intermediate Level modules
- SSEES options may include:
  - Between Politics and Culture: German Ideas 1890-1970
  - Fascism and Authoritarianism in Eastern Europe 1918-1945
  - History of Modern Germany 1815-1990
  - The Rise and Fall of Yugoslavia

#### YEAR THREE

**Year abroad**
- Students currently complete any assessment required by the host university.
- You will engage in guided academic work and critical reflections so as to make the most of your cultural and linguistic immersion.
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.

### Final Year

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Advanced Language Module in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish

**Optional modules**

- You will select 3.5 credits of optional modules, including 2.0 credits from all SSEES history options and 1.5 credits from SELCS.
- Scandinavian Studies options may include:
  - Advanced Project Work in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish
  - Nordic Cinema
  - Nordic Landscapes
  - Old Norse II
  - Scandinavian Social Democracy
  - The Vikings in Europe
  - ELCS Advanced Level modules
- SSEES options may include:
  - East and West Through Travel Writing: The Limits and Divisions of Europe
  - Ivan the Terrible, the Russian Monarchy in the 16th Century
  - The Russian Revolution
  - Urban Culture and Modernity: Vienna-Prague-Budapest 1857-1938

### 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.

- Freelance Filmmaker and Photographer
- Full-time student, MA in Roads to Democracy at the University of Uppsala

### 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.

Your personal statement should reflect your interests and goals, especially with respect to your proposed degree. Some knowledge or experience of Scandinavian culture is expected, as well as an explanation of how this has motivated you to learn more. We do not necessarily require a language at A level or equivalent, but expect you to demonstrate an enthusiasm and aptitude for language learning. You will be asked to confirm your language before starting at UCL.

If your application demonstrates that your academic ability and motivation make you well suited to our degree and you receive an offer, we shall invite you to a post-offer open day. There, you will be able to experience the sort of teaching we offer and life in SELCS.
**Entry requirements**

**A LEVELS**

**Grades**

ABB

**Subjects**

History and 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, History and a language preferred, 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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