VIKING AND OLD NORSE STUDIES BA / UCAS CODE: R691 2018 ENTRY

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/elcs
This four-year programme aims to develop your knowledge and understanding of the Viking Age through study of the medieval and modern Scandinavian languages, Old Norse literature, and medieval history. The third year is spent abroad at a university in Denmark, Iceland, Norway or Sweden.

**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, Iceland, 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).

In the first year, you will study a mainland Scandinavian language and Old Norse. You will also have the option of studying modules in Scandinavian history, linguistics, and medieval history.

In the second year you will continue your language studies, with a particular emphasis on Old Norse. You will also take a module in Viking Age Scandinavia.

Your third year is spent abroad at a university in Scandinavia.

Your final year is spent at UCL where you will continue with your language studies and take advanced modules including Old Norse and The Vikings in Europe. A dissertation option is available.

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 Old Norse
- Vikings and Material Culture

Optional modules

- You will select one of the following:
  - Introduction to Linguistics and the Scandinavian Languages
  - Nordic Storytelling
- You will also choose an interdepartmental module 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
- Old Norse I
- Viking-Age Scandinavia

Optional modules

- You will select 1.0 credits of optional modules. Options may include:
  - Introduction to Finnish Society and Culture
  - Nordic Cinema
  - Nordic Landscapes
  - Scandinavian Literature in Context
  - The Nordic Welfare States
- You will also choose an intermediate level interdepartmental module offered by SELCS to the value of 0.5 credits.

**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.
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.

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.

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.

First career destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of this programme at UCL include:

- Library Assistant, University of Warwick
- Full-time student, MA in Medieval and Renaissance Studies at UCL
- Full-time student, MPhil in Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic at the University of Cambridge

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.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
ABB

Subjects
English Literature, History and/or a 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, with no score lower
than 5. English Literature, History and/or language preferred.

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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more information on UCL’s degree programmes please see the UCL
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