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

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Viking and Old Norse Studies BA

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.
- 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.
### Final Year

**Core or compulsory module(s)**

- Advanced Language Module in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish
- Old Norse II
- The Vikings in Europe

**Optional modules**

- You will select 2.5 credits of optional modules. Options may include:
  - Advanced Project Work in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish
  - Dissertation in Scandinavian Studies
  - Extended Essay in Scandinavian Studies
  - Mythology and Religion in Medieval Scandinavia
  - Nordic Cinema
  - Nordic Landscapes
  - Nordic Politics and Society
  - Scandinavian Social Democracy
  - The Nordic Welfare States
  - Translation from the Scandinavian Languages
  - ELCS Advanced Level modules

### Your Learning

Teaching comprises lectures, classes, seminars, group work and presentations. The modern 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.

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 or 6, plus Mathematics at grade C or 5.

For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/upc)

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**TUITION FEES**

The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2018/19 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2018/19 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

- **UK & EU:** £9,250 (2018/19)
- **Overseas:** £19,390 (2018/19)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the [UCL Students website](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs).

**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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs) 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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum)

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