INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Students in the Scandinavian major select one of the following five concentrations: Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, Old Norse Studies, and Swedish. Each concentration allows students to explore the major while developing expertise within the language and literature of a Nordic language. Students receive further training in their major language skills by pursuing reading in original Scandinavian languages and through special add-on major units that allow students to work closely with a professor in their major language area.

INTERDISCIPLINARY OPTIONS

The Scandinavian department helps students pursue interdisciplinary interests through its own core courses and through double majors with other fields, such as environmental studies, history, drama, medieval literature, folklore, architecture, public policy, linguistics, international studies, peace studies, political science, film, and economics.

If you already have an intended major, consider adding Scandinavian as minor. It is not necessary to study a Scandinavian language for the minor; all upper division courses are taught in English with texts in translation and are easily accessible to students with general interests in Scandinavian culture.

Be unable to understand backwards; but it must be lived forwards.

– Søren Kierkegaard

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

• Immerse yourself in Scandinavian language and culture through study abroad
• Apply for a FLAS award to fund your language study.
• Visit the Nordic Studies Program to find resources and events to complement your coursework.
• Check out the robust collections and scholarly resources of Scandinavian Studies at the Doe Library and the department library.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

ADVISING

Students can drop in to 6303A Dwinelle Hall to speak with an advisor or email issaug@berkeley.edu.

Advising Drop-In Hours:
Monday - Friday 8:30am-5pm

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit scandanavian.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

Visit ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
# Design Your Journey

## First Year

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- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plan.
- Review major and college requirements.
- Enroll in L&S and an Arts & Humanities Gateway Course.
- Review the major guidelines for study abroad.

**Connect and Build Community**
- Get involved with the Berkeley Connect program.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Explore the Berkeley Language Center.

**Discover Your Passions**
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Explore the collection of Scandinavian scholarly resources in the department library and Doe Library.

**Engage Locally and Globally**
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options in Scandinavia with Berkeley Study Abroad.

**Reflect and Plan Your Future**
- Visit Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career Counseling Library.
- Develop a plan for getting career ready.
- Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.

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## Third Year

**First Year**
- Complete the prerequisite lower division requirement in Scandinavian mythology and literature.
- Select a concentration and meet with the advisor to declare the major.
- Begin working on the lower division language requirement for your concentration.

**Connect and Build Community**
- Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader.
- Work with peers and graduate students in the Nordic Studies Program.
- Join the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study.

**Discover Your Passions**
- Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course, or Discovery Group.
- Assist faculty in their research through URAP.

**Engage Locally and Globally**
- Experience life at another UC or college on a study abroad program.
- Apply for a FLAS award to support your language study.
- Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.

**Reflect and Plan Your Future**
- Discuss career options and goals with a Career Educator.
- Shadow alumni during the Cal Job Shadow Program.
- Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.

## Fourth Year

**First Year**
- Focus on upper division requirements in language, culture, and electives for your concentration.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Ask your major advisor about the Scandinavian honors program.

**Connect and Build Community**
- Practice your language skills while helping others learn in the SL Language Exchange Program.
- Get support for your thesis project in the Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop.
- Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.

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## What Can I Do With My Major?

**Jobs and Employers**
- Assoc. Corporate Counsel, Google
- Data Control Operations, Stanford
- Indep. Norwegian Lang. Translator
- Photographer, Iceland Magazine
- Teacher, Hayward High School

**Graduate Programs**
- Bioarchaeology, MSc
- Cognition and Communication, MA
- English, PhD
- Law, JD
- Linguistics, PhD
- Medieval Icelandic Studies, Masters
- Scandinavian Studies, Masters
- Urban and Regional Planning, Masters

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.