



# Scandinavian Studies at UBC

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## What is Scandinavian Studies?

You have heard about the Vikings, may have read the fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen, played with Lego, or may have bought furniture from IKEA or clothes from H&M.

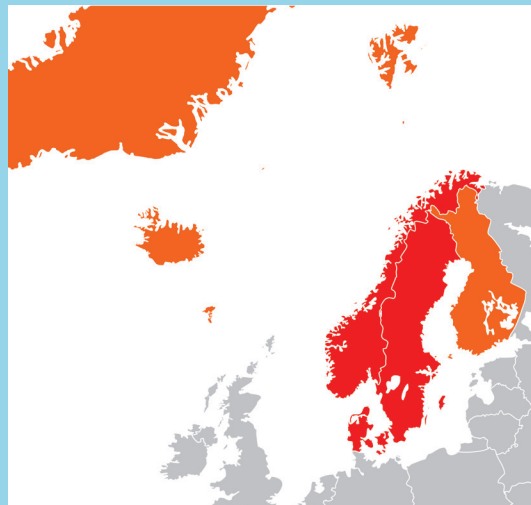
There is much more! This region has a long cultural history, and we offer you the chance to learn all about it.

At UBC, we teach about Scandinavia and the Nordic region, which include Denmark, the Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

## Scandinavia Today

This area is a region of innovation and creativity. The social welfare system, public support to students, and social equity are among the most striking trademarks of these countries.

Today, Scandinavia benefits from its remarkable history of experimentation and exploration: information technology, fashion, arts, and design dominate the new job market, but opportunities abound in this vibrant region.



## Language Courses

Our courses at UBC offer you Beginning and Intermediate Danish and Swedish.

Danish and Swedish Courses:

DANI 100, 110, 200, 210

SWED 100, 110, 200, 210

You will learn the grammar and structure of the language you choose and acquire basic speaking and writing skills. You will also be able to engage in basic conversation and read shorter texts.

The courses will also provide you with knowledge of Danish and Swedish culture, and they are a good foundation if you would like to study or work abroad in Denmark or Sweden. If you already have some proficiency, speak with an instructor.

## Literature and Culture Courses

The literature and culture courses at UBC offer you a “smörgåsbord” of topics! Visit our website for full descriptions.

Literature and Culture Courses:

SCAN 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415;  
CENS 307, 308, 404

Investigate the crime fiction novels of Henning Mankell and Yrsa Sigurðardóttir, contemporary crime TV shows like *The Bridge*, and the provocative films of Ingmar Bergman and Lars von Trier. Get to know the indigenous culture of the Sámi people and immerse yourself in the world of the Icelandic sagas. Learn about the Scandinavian welfare state and issues of identity and gender. Discover the dramas of Henrik Ibsen and August Strindberg and the prose works of renowned authors like Jonas Hassen Khemiri and Halldór Laxness. Delve into the philosophy of Søren Kierkegaard and the poetic world of Athena Farrokhzad.

# Minor in Scandinavian Studies

Our Minor in Scandinavian Studies is made up of two years of either Danish or Swedish language courses and six upper-level courses in literature and culture. Since the latter are all taught in English, it is not necessary to complete the lower-level language requirement before taking the 300- and 400-level courses.

Lower-Level Requirements (12 credits)  
2 years of either Danish or Swedish

DANI 100	SWED 100
DANI 110	SWED 110
DANI 200	SWED 200
DANI 210	SWED 210

Upper-Level Requirements (18 credits)  
choose 6 of these courses taught in English

SCAN 332	Topics in Scandinavian Studies
SCAN 333	Major Works in Scandinavian Literature
SCAN 334	Contemporary Scandinavian Fiction
SCAN 335	Vikings and Norse Mythology
SCAN 336	Scandinavian Crime Fiction
SCAN 337	Scandinavian Cinema
SCAN 411	Scandinavian Drama & Film
SCAN 412	The Northern European Epic
SCAN 413	The Literatures of the Baltic
SCAN 414	Topics in Danish & Northern European Cultural Studies
SCAN 415	The World of the Sagas
CENS 307	Witches: Myth & Reality
CENS 308	Comics and Graphic Novels in Central, Eastern and Northern Europe
CENS 404	Gender & Nation

In consultation with the Scandinavian undergrad. advisor, you may replace one of the upper-level courses (3 credits) with another department's course with a Scandinavian component. Contact the advisor (Scan.Advisor@ubc.ca) with questions.

## Study Abroad

UBC has exchange agreements with a wide selection of partner universities in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. This is a unique opportunity for you to pursue studies abroad matching your field of study or to improve your language skills. Study everything from arts, sciences, and economics to design and agriculture. All institutions also offer courses in English. Summer programs are also available.

Visit [students.ubc.ca/global](https://students.ubc.ca/global) or meet with the Scandinavian Advisor for more information.

## Partner Institutions

Denmark: Aarhus University, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen Business School, DIS: Study Abroad in Scandinavia  
Finland: University of Helsinki  
Iceland: University of Iceland  
Norway: University of Oslo, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norwegian School of Economics  
Sweden: University of Uppsala, Stockholm University School of Business, Stockholm School of Economics, University of Lund, SLU: Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, DIS: Study Abroad in Scandinavia..

## Scandinavian and Nordic Cultural Assoc.

When you sign up for a SCAN, DANI, or SWED course, you automatically become a part of the Scandinavian community at UBC through the Scandinavian and Nordic Cultural Association, a club for UBC students. Get more information online: [snca.wordpress.com](https://snca.wordpress.com) or e-mail [snca.ubc@gmail.com](mailto:snca.ubc@gmail.com).

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