Graduate Programs

Why choose UW Scandinavian Studies?

- Largest Scandinavian Studies department in North America, also home to the only Baltic Studies program.
- Exceptional placement record for our doctorates at universities in North America and Scandinavia.
- Teaching Assistantships and fellowships offer financial support through the completion of the graduate degree.
- UW Study Abroad offers exchanges and programs with universities in Denmark, Finland, Norway, Iceland, Sweden and the Baltics.
- Outstanding collection of Nordic and Baltic materials in the UW Libraries System, staffed by a Nordic Studies Librarian.
- Walter Chapin Simpson Center for the Humanities offers rich programming and research opportunities and fellowships.
- Seattle's thriving cultural institutions such as the Nordic Museum, Swedish Cultural Center, and Seattle International Film Festival.
- UW ranked number 10 in the world in Shanghai Jiao Tong University rankings.

Dear Prospective Graduate Student!

Welcome to Scandinavian Studies! We are happy that you are considering the University of Washington for graduate work! As graduate program coordinator, I look forward to working with you. The following pages (Admissions, MA Degree, PhD Degree, FAQ, and Our Grads) should answer many of your initial questions about our graduate degree programs! I also encourage you to plan a campus visit during the Fall Quarter.

This Department has a strongly interdisciplinary approach with faculty members working in Scandinavian languages and literatures, cultural and gender studies, drama and performance studies, film studies, history, politics, folklore, as well as second language acquisition. Our faculty offer language expertise and instruction in Danish, Norwegian and Swedish, as well as Finnish and the Baltic languages. In addition, faculty collaborate with several distinguished programs and departments at the UW, including Comparative Literature, Cinema and Media Studies, European Studies, History, Gender Women and Sexuality Studies, Textual Studies, and Digital Humanities.

The core of our program is Scandinavian Studies – our faculty members are among the leading scholars in the field internationally. Students in our MA and PhD degree programs pursue a wide range of interests, working closely with our faculty and often with other faculty in related programs on campus. We have a strong track record of successful graduates; please take a look at Our Grads. Our graduate students move into successful careers in academia, business, education, publishing, public service, and translation.

Consider a campus visit to our department during Fall Quarter, when the autumn leaves are colorful in the Pacific Northwest. Our priority application deadline is December 15th each year for the following Autumn Quarter. I look forward to a conversation about your interests and can be reached easily by phone (206-543-6084) or email (marianne@uw.edu). Med venlig hilsen,

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