A NORDIC MASTER’S PROGRAMME
IN ICELAND AND SCANDINAVIA

Viking and Medieval Norse Studies is an international two-year graduate programme (120 ECTS credits) leading to an M.A. degree. The first two semesters take place at the University of Iceland in Reykjavík. In the third semester, the students can choose between courses at Aarhus University, Denmark, the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, or the University of Oslo, Norway. The fourth and final semester is reserved for writing a master’s thesis at any one of the four universities.

Specifically designed for international students, this programme provides an opportunity to:
• study Viking and medieval Norse culture under the guidance of leading scholars in the field,
• gain hands-on experience in working with manuscripts, runic inscriptions and other artefacts.
• participate in archeological excavations
• visit some of the historic sites of the sagas and see Viking ships and other artefacts.

The programme should appeal to students with a broad range of interests, including medieval literature, mythology, folklore, historical linguistics, history, archeology, or anthropology.

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The University of Iceland offers wide-ranging expertise in Icelandic language, literary history, poetics, and cultural studies, as well as in Old Norse-Icelandic literature, Nordic history and archaeology, medieval philosophy, Old Norse mythology and religion, and post-medieval folklore.

The Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies is an independent research institution with close ties to the University of Iceland. Its resources include major collections of manuscripts, visual and oral documents as well as an excellent medieval studies research library which students will be able to make use of. Research professors at the Institute will contribute to the programme as teachers, supervisors and advisors to students.

The Scandinavian Department, in collaboration with the Departments of Religion, History and Archaeology, offers wide-ranging expertise in many of the subject areas covered by the programme. Aarhus University promotes a vibrant interdisciplinary milieu, and scholars in the various departments are keen to work with international students, both as teachers and course coordinators.

Aarhus University offers special expertise in the fields of literary analysis, literary and cultural theory (narrativity, memory studies, orality and literacy), reception studies, Old Norse mythology, comparative religion and anthropological theory, and material history.

The Department of Scandinavian Research offers wide-ranging expertise in the many subject areas covered by the programme, including Old Danish and Old Swedish. The Arnamagnæan Institute houses half of the Arnamagnæan manuscript collection and also has an excellent research library. The Institute staff will provide advice and training for students, especially in the fields of manuscript studies and artefactual philology, textual criticism and scholarly editing, and textual and literary history.

The Name Research section offers expertise in onomastics, runology and Anglo-Norse studies. The Arnamagnæan Institute also hosts the Dictionary of Old Norse Prose project, whose resources will be available to students.

The Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies at the University of Oslo offers wide-ranging expertise in many aspects of the programme. Its particular strengths lie in philology, poetics and medieval grammatical literature, runology, medieval literacy, palaeography and codicology (material philology), Viking age archaeology, medieval art (book illumination, ecclesiastical art), and Anglo-Norse and Celtic-Norse relations.