Master Programme in Scandinavian Studies
2017/2018

The Master Programme in Scandinavian Studies invites students to perform close and critical examination of issues concerning historical and contemporary cultural expressions, as well as the differences and similarities between the Scandinavian languages and literatures. Upon completion, students have career possibilities within the area of cultural communication, in organisations and international companies, as language teachers in middle and upper-secondary schools, and for graduate studies.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The Master Programme in Scandinavian Studies is for students with a Bachelor’s degree in Scandinavian Studies or the equivalent. It is offered by the Department of Literature and the Department of Scandinavian Languages at Uppsala University. Scandinavian Studies is well established as an academic field abroad, e.g. in Germany and North America, and the Master’s programme at Uppsala University now gives you as a student a unique opportunity to pursue multidisciplinary studies of Scandinavian language, literature and culture, also in Sweden.

The Master Programme in Scandinavian Studies promotes contacts within the rich network of institutions of Scandinavian Studies in Europe and North America. It is our ambition that students apply for exchange studies during at least one semester. The programme provides a firm ground for doctoral studies, but also good career possibilities within the field of cultural communication. A Master’s degree in Scandinavian Studies will prepare you for a number of different professions, e.g. translator, interpreter, and information officer.

DEGREE

The programme leads to a Master of Arts (120 credits) with Scandinavian Studies as the main field of study. After one year of study it may also be possible to obtain a Master of Arts (60 credits).

INSTRUCTION

The programme consists of lectures, seminars, tutorials, exercises, field trips, and individual supervision.
During the first semester, two compulsory courses are studied. The programme begins with an advanced introduction to Scandinavian languages and literature, where students meet faculty from both the Department of Literature and the Department of Scandinavian Languages. Also compulsory during the first semester is a course in theory and method. You will also begin writing your degree project.

During the second semester, students take the compulsory course Sung, Said, Written: Swedish Cultural Expressions from 1600 to the Present. They also have the opportunity to study Swedish 18th Century Culture from a European Perspective, and two electives from either the Faculty of Humanities or the Faculty of Language. During the second year, students take courses like Cinematic Adaptations of Scandinavian Literature, and Academic Writing in Swedish. The second year also contains free electives from both faculties, as well as the possibility for students to apply for an internship.

COURSES WITHIN THE PROGRAMME

One-Year Master, 60 credits

Course 1-6:
Advanced Introduction to Scandinavian Languages and Literatures, 7.5 credits (compulsory)
Theory and Method (either in Literature or in Scandinavian Languages), 7.5 credits (compulsory)
Sung, Said, Written: Swedish Cultural Expressions from 1600 to the Present, 7.5 credits (compulsory)
Swedish 18th Century Culture from a European Perspective, 7.5 credits
Variations in Swedish, 7.5 credits
Degree project, 15 credits/30 credits (compulsory)

The degree project is an extended essay on a subject chosen in consultation with an instructor. If the essay is written in Scandinavian Languages it is equivalent to 15 credit points. If it is written in Literature it equals 30 credits.

Courses 7-8
Free electives

Two-Year Master, 120 credits

Courses 1-8
Advanced Introduction to Language and Literature, 7.5 credits (compulsory)
Theory and Method (either in Literature or in Scandinavian Languages), 7.5 credits (compulsory)
Sung, Said, Written: Swedish Cultural Expressions from 1600 to the Present, 7.5 credits (compulsory)
Swedish 18th-Century Culture from a European Perspective, 7.5 credits
Variations in Swedish, 7.5 credits
Cinematic Adaptations of Scandinavian Literature, 7.5 credits
Academic Writing in Swedish, 7.5 credits
Degree project, 30 credits/45 credits (compulsory)

The degree project is an extended essay on a subject chosen in consultation with an instructor. If the essay is written in Scandinavian Languages it is equivalent to 30 credit points. If it is written in Literature it equals 45 credits.

Courses 9-13
Free electives.

One of the courses must be historically oriented. One of the courses can be taken as an internship.

CAREER

The programme opens for career possibilities within the area of cultural communication, e.g. as translator, interpreter, or information officer within government administration as well as in organisations and international companies. The programme also opens career paths in compulsory and upper-secondary schools (language teacher), and for PhD studies.
MASTER PROGRAMME IN SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES

120 credits

Autumn 2017 100% Campus

Location: Uppsala

Application Deadline: 2017-01-15

Enrolment Code: UU-M5065

Language of Instruction: Swedish

Requirements:

Academic requirements
A Bachelor’s degree, equivalent to a Swedish Kandidatexamen, from an internationally recognised university. The main field of study must be within the Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Social Sciences.

Also required is 60 credits in Scandinavian studies (Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian or Swedish language and culture).

Language requirements
Language proficiency to the level of Swedish 3 in the Swedish secondary school, or the equivalent in Danish or Norwegian. All applicants need to verify English language proficiency. This is normally attested by an internationally recognised test such as TOEFL or IELTS with the following minimum scores:

- IELTS: an overall mark of 6.5 and no section below 5.5
- TOEFL: Paper-based: Score of 4.5 (scale 1–6) in written test and a total score of 575. Internet-based: Score of 20 (scale 0–30) in written test and a total score of 90
- Cambridge: CAE, CPE

Exemptions for students from certain countries.

Selection: All qualified applicants will be admitted.

Fees: If you are not a citizen of a European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) country, or Switzerland, you are required to pay application and tuition fees. Read more about fees.

Application Fee: SEK 900

Tuition fee, first semester: SEK 50000

Tuition fee, total: SEK 200000

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