

Opasraportti

Scandinavian Studies Programme (2013 - 2014)

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The Scandinavian Studies Programme is a 32 ECTS (16 US) credit introductory level programme that is organized every fall semester (Sept-Dec). The programme is designed to give the participants a broad overview of Scandinavian history, culture and everyday life. The courses include studies in the fields of History, Social Studies, Cultural Studies, Literature, and Political Science.

Participants include both Finnish and international students from different countries. This provides an excellent opportunity for intercultural interactions with students from different cultures and backgrounds.

Exchange students coming from the bilateral partner institutions (outside Europe) and from the Erasmus partner institutions/departments of the Faculty of Humanities have priority for enrolment to the Scandinavian Studies programme. Students from other Faculties are also welcome to the courses where there is room.

The syllabus and schedule will be available in August at the programme website, www.oulu.fi/scandinavianstudies/

Upon completing the programme, students will be able to identify various aspects of Finnish and Scandinavian culture, history, political systems, literature and everyday life.

Applications must reach the University of Oulu by May 31st. All exchange students must submit their exchange application through [SoleMOVE](#). For further information, please contact the Scandinavian Studies Coordinator, or talk to the Coordinator of International Programmes at your home university. You can also visit our [International Service's](#) website for details about applying to University of Oulu.

Courses

(NB! The first two courses are offered only to international students.)

683707P Survival Finnish, 2 ECTS

683708P Saami Culture, 5 ECTS

683709P Finnish Political System, 3 ECTS (previous name Comparative Nordic Politics)

683710P Scandinavian Prehistory, 3 ECTS

683711P Viking Age, 3 ECTS

683712P Introduction to Finnish History, 3 ECTS

683713P Nordic Mythology, 3 ECTS

683714P Finnish Literature, 3 ECTS

683715P Scandinavian Literature, 3 ECTS

683716P Humans and Environment, 4 ECTS

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

683709P: Comparative Nordic Politics, 3 op

683714P: Finnish Literature, 3 op

683716P: Humans and Environment, 4 op

683712P: Introduction to Finnish History, 3 op

683713P: Nordic Mythology, 3 op

683708P: Saami Culture, 5 op

683715P: Scandinavian Literature, 3 op

683710P: Scandinavian Prehistory, 3 op

683707P: Survival Finnish, 2 op

683711P: Viking Age, 3 op

Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

683709P: Comparative Nordic Politics, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: English

ECTS Credits:

3 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Fall semester

Learning outcomes:

The student will be able to describe the political systems of Finland and the Scandinavian countries and assess their similarities and differences with those of other countries.

Contents:

A comparison of the political systems in Finland and Scandinavia. Analyzes the social and political institutions of the Scandinavian countries.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

18 h of lectures

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

No previous studies required.

Recommended or required reading:

Notes, handouts provided by the teacher.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Final examination at the end of the course.

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

Numerical assessment 1-5, zero stands for a fail.

Person responsible:

Coordinator of the Scandinavian Studies Programme

Working life cooperation:

No

683714P: Finnish Literature, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: English

ECTS Credits:

3 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Fall semester

Learning outcomes:

The student will be able to describe and analyze Finnish literature and the most acknowledged Finnish authors from the 19th to the 21st century.

Contents:

This course is an introduction to Finnish literature. It consists of lectures and seminar work. Students will be familiarized with a selection of works by prominent Finnish authors and will receive a general understanding of Finnish literature from the 19th to the 21st century. The course emphasizes discussion, analysis and active participation by students.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

20 hrs of lectures

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

No previous studies required.

Recommended or required reading:

Notes, handouts provided by the teacher.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Participation to the lectures, home essay

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

Numerical assessment 1-5, zero stands for a fail.

Person responsible:

Coordinator of the Scandinavian Studies Programme

Working life cooperation:

No

683716P: Humans and Environment, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: English

ECTS Credits:

4 ECTS

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Fall semester

Learning outcomes:

After the course the students will understand the basics of human-environment interaction in the region.

Contents:

The course explores the interrelations between human societies and their natural environments in Finland and Scandinavia by investigating such topics as climate change, tourism, adaptation, and environmental hazards. The course includes a three-day field trip to the university's research station in the Oulanka National Park in Kuusamo.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching. A three-day study trip is included to the course.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

16 hrs of lectures, study trip

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

No previous studies required

Recommended or required reading:

Notes, handouts provided by the teacher

Assessment methods and criteria:

Oral presentation (group) and a final examination at the end of the course

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

Numerical assesment from 1-5, zero stands for a fail

Person responsible:

Coordinator of the Scandinavian Studies Programme

Working life cooperation:

No

Other information:

Maximum group size: 25 students. Students are required to take at least three other courses from the Scandinavian Studies programme.

683712P: Introduction to Finnish History, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: English

ECTS Credits:

3 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Fall semester

Learning outcomes:

After the course the student will be able to comprehend the geopolitical position of Finland against the historical background as well as the relationship between Finland and its neighboring countries.

Contents:

The course gives an outline of Finnish history from the Middle Ages to the present. The purpose is to show how Finland as a sovereign state came into being. However, the course does not emphasize only political history but different aspects of Finnish history are dealt within the course, such as social and cultural history.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

20 hrs of lectures

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

No previous studies required.

Recommended or required reading:

Notes, handouts provided by the teacher.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Final examination at the end of the course.

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

Numerical assessment 1-5, zero stands for a fail.

Person responsible:

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Working life cooperation:

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683713P: Nordic Mythology, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: English

ECTS Credits:

3 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Fall semester

Learning outcomes:

Upon the completion of the course, the students will be familiarized with the mythological heritage of Scandinavia and its contemporary expressions.

Contents:

The course investigates traditional and contemporary Finnish and Scandinavian folklore and mythologies and their uses in the arts, social life, and politics in the Nordic countries both past and present.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

20 h of lectures

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

No previous studies required.

Recommended or required reading:

Notes, handouts provided by the teacher.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Lecture journal, written assignments

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

Numerical assessment 1-5, zero stands for a fail.

Person responsible:

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Working life cooperation:

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683708P: Saami Culture, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: English

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Fall semester

Learning outcomes:

The student will be able to define various aspects of traditional and contemporary Sami culture. He/she will also be able to describe and analyze how the Sami themselves form their identity in a changing world.

Contents:

The course is an examination of the Saami people, their traditional culture, literature, arts and music as well as the contemporary Saami society. Some attention will be paid to other minority and Fourth World Nations perspective as well.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

12 h lectures, a study trip to the areas of the Saami people in the Finnish Lapland and to the northern parts of Norway is included to the course.

Target group:

Exchange students studying at the Faculty of Humanities

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

No previous studies required

Recommended or required reading:

Notes, handouts provided by the teacher.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Continuous assessment, written essay

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

Numerical assessment 1-5, zero stands for a fail.

Person responsible:

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Working life cooperation:

No

Other information:

Maximum group size: 25 students. Students are required to take at least three other courses from the Scandinavian Studies programme.

683715P: Scandinavian Literature, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: English

ECTS Credits:

3 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Fall semester

Learning outcomes:

The student will be able to describe and analyze Scandinavian literature and the most acknowledged Scandinavian authors from the 19th to the 21st century.

Contents:

The course explores Scandinavian literature through different genres and prominent/popular literary works from the 19th century to the present. A selection of texts by famous Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and Icelandic authors is discussed against the background of contemporary society and its cultural climate.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

20 h of lectures

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

No previous studies required.

Recommended or required reading:

Notes, handouts provided by the teachers.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

Numerical assessment 1-5, zero stands for a fail.

Person responsible:

Coordinator of the Scandinavian Studies Programme

Working life cooperation:

No

683710P: Scandinavian Prehistory, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: English

ECTS Credits:

3 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Fall semester

Learning outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to describe ancient remains, prehistoric objects and cultural processes in general terms. The students will also be able to describe the material, areal, social and economical basis of Scandinavian folk culture.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

20 hrs of lectures

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

No previous studies required.

Recommended or required reading:

Notes, handouts provided by the teacher.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

Pass/fail

Person responsible:

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Working life cooperation:

No

683707P: Survival Finnish, 2 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

2 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Fall semester

Learning outcomes:

The student will be able to understand and use some of the very common everyday expressions and phrases in Finnish, and he/she will be able to locate informational content in simple texts and messages. The student will also be able to recognize the basic characteristics of Finnish language and Finnish communication styles.

Contents:

Introductory Finnish course for students to help them to cope in everyday situations. Everyday phrases, some general features of the vocabulary and grammar and main aspects of the pronunciation of Finnish.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

30 hrs of lectures

Target group:

Exchange students studying at the Scandinavian Studies programme

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

No previous studies required.

Recommended or required reading:

Notes, handouts provided by the teacher.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Final examination at the end of the course.

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

Numerical assessment 1-5, zero stands for a fail.

Person responsible:

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Working life cooperation:

No

683711P: Viking Age, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2012 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: English

ECTS Credits:

3 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Fall semester

Learning outcomes:

The student will be able to analyze the development of the culture of Finland and the Scandinavian countries during the Viking Age.

Contents:

A survey of history from the Viking Age to the Middle Ages. How cities and towns are reflecting the Finnish cultural development and understanding of built environment

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching

Learning activities and teaching methods:

20 hrs of lectures

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

No previous studies required.

Recommended or required reading:

Notes, handouts provided by the teacher.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Participation to the lectures, home essay

Read more about [assessment criteria](#) at the University of Oulu webpage.

Grading:

Numerical assessment 1-5, zero stands for a fail.

Person responsible:

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Working life cooperation:

No