

Opasraportti

Scandinavian Studies Programme (2016 - 2017)

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The Scandinavian Studies Programme is an introductory level programme that is designed to give the participants a broad overview of Scandinavian history, culture and everyday life. Upon completing the programme, students will be able to identify various aspects of Finnish and Scandinavian culture, history, political systems, literature and everyday life.

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.

ADMISSIONS:

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.

FALL SEMESTER

683707P Survival Finnish, 2 ECTS

683708P Saami Culture, 5 ECTS

683709P Finnish Political System, 3 ECTS

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

SPRING SEMESTER

683717P Anthropology of Finland, 5 ECTS

683718P The Baltic Sea: Marine environment, people and space, 5 ECTS

683719P Language in Society, 5 ECTS

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

683717P: Anthropology of Finland, 5 op

683714P: Finnish Literature, 3 op

683709P: Finnish Political System, 3 op

683716P: Humans and Environment, 4 op

683712P: Introduction to Finnish History, 3 op

683719P: Language in Society, 5 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

683718P: The Baltic Sea: Marine Environment, People and Space, 5 op

683711P: Viking Age, 3 op

Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

683717P: Anthropology of Finland, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.01.2017 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Spring semester

Learning outcomes:

With this course students will have a better idea of some basic concepts of anthropology and will have a deeper understanding of Finnish culture and society.

Contents:

Course offers an introduction on Finnish culture and society from a holistic perspective. Its purpose is to cover some important aspects (Education, Nature, History, Social organization) of Finland through literature, discussion and lectures.

Mode of delivery:

Lectures

Learning activities and teaching methods:

Lectures, discussions

Target group:

Exchange students studying at the University of Oulu

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

No previous knowledge about the topic is needed

Recommended or required reading:

Notes, handouts provided by the teacher.

Assessment methods and criteria:

Continuous assessment

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

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

683709P: Finnish Political System, 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 system of Finland and how the Nordic model of politics differs from other democracies.

Contents:

An introduction to the Finnish political system.

Mode of delivery:

The course is organized as an intensive three-day course.

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:

Participation in the lectures and a learning diary.

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.

Mode of delivery:

Contact teaching.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

16 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:

Home essay 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:

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Working life cooperation:

No

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:

No

683719P: Language in Society, 5 op**Voimassaolo:** 01.01.2017 -**Opiskelumuoto:** Basic Studies**Laji:** Course**Vastuuyksikkö:** Faculty of Humanities**Arvostelu:** 1 - 5, pass, fail**Opintokohteen kielet:** Finnish**ECTS Credits:**

5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Spring semester

Learning outcomes:

After the course students will be able to identify different sociolinguistic themes and phenomena

Contents:

Introduction to different sociolinguistic themes and phenomena, including dialects and the variation of spoken language, language ideologies and attitudes, multilingualism, minority languages and language policies. The Finnish language and society act as an example and the starter point of the course. The approach is quite popular, so previous studies in linguistics are not required.

Mode of delivery:

Working methods include lectures, exploratory learning diaries, readings and student presentations

Target group:

Exchange students studying at the University of Oulu

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

Previous studies in linguistics are not required

Recommended or required reading:

Notes, handouts provided by the teacher

Assessment methods and criteria:

Continuous assessment, learning diaries, presentations

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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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:

Coordinator of the Scandinavian Studies Programme

Working life cooperation:

No

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

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

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:

18 h of lectures

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

No previous studies required.

Recommended or required reading:

Required reading in addition to notes and handouts provided by the teacher:

The Markurells of Wadköping (by Hjalmar Bergman)

Roseanna (by Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahlöö)

The Little Match Girl and *The Shadow* (by H. C. Andersen)

A Doll's House (by Henrik Ibsen)

My Struggle (by Karl Ove Knausgaard)

The Blue Fox (by Sjöfn)

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

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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

Ei opintojaksokuvauksia.

683718P: The Baltic Sea: Marine Environment, People and Space, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.01.2017 -

Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

ECTS Credits:

5 ECTS credits

Language of instruction:

English

Timing:

Spring semester

Learning outcomes:

Students will get familiar with topics such as eutrophication, sea ice, climate change, navigation, tourism, EU strategy for the Baltic Sea Region among others.

Contents:

Surrounded by ten countries, the Baltic Sea forms an incontestable geographical and historical entity in Northern Europe. The course explores the physical particularities of the marine environment and the short and long-term changes that the sea undergoes. It also addresses the development of human activities and the interactions with the natural environment, i.e. the past and current adaptation of human activities to environmental changes and the impacts of human pressures on marine ecosystems. Finally the course introduces a regional perspective of the Baltic Sea Region presented as a good example of regionalism and transnational cooperation.

Mode of delivery:

Lectures, discussions, group work

Target group:

Exchange students studying at the University of Oulu

Prerequisites and co-requisites:

No previous knowledge about the topic is needed

Recommended or required reading:

Notes, handouts provided by the teacher

Assessment methods and criteria:

Continuous assessment, presentations, final exam

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

Grading:

Numerical assessment 1-5, zero stands for a fail

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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

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Grading:

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

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Working life cooperation:

No