SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES PROGRAMME

FALL SEMESTER 2014
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Dear student of the Scandinavian Studies Programme,

This is the syllabus for the Scandinavian Studies Programme for fall semester 2014. This syllabus is designed to answer to all of your questions concerning the programme, but if for any reason more information is needed please do not hesitate to ask!

With best wishes,

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Past Participants in the Programme

Since the beginning of the Scandinavian Studies Programme in 1993, hundreds of international students have enrolled in the various courses it has offered. For example they have come from the following universities:

AUSTRALIA
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology

AUSTRIA
Karl-Franzens Universität Graz
Technische Universität Graz
Universität Salzburg

BELGIUM
Universiteit Gent

CANADA
Université de Montréal

CHINA
Chinese University of Hong Kong
Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics

CZECH REPUBLIC
Masarykova Univerzita Brno
Technical University Liberec

DENMARK
Aalborg Universitet
Syddansk Universitet I Odense

FRANCE
Groupe ESC Troyes
Institut National des Telecom
Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille
Universite de Franche-Comte
Universite D’Artois

GERMANY
Europa-Universität Viadrina
Fachhochschule München
Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität
Katholische Universität Eichstätt
Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg
Technische Universität Berlin
Technische Universität Chemnitz-Zwickau
Technische Universität Dresden
Universität Bayreuth
Universität Bielefeld
Universität Passau
Universität Ulm

GREAT BRITAIN
University College London
Oxford University

ITALY
Università degli studi di Bologna

JAPAN
Kansai Gaidai University
Osaka University of Foreign Studies
Hokkaido University

LITHUANIA
Klaipėda University
University of Siauliai
Vilnius University
NEW ZEALAND
University of Otago

THE NETHERLANDS
Hogeschool Zeeland
Universiteit Utrecht
Vrije Universiteit

NORWAY
Universitet I Trondheim

RUSSIA
Karelian State Pedagogian University
Murmansk State Technical University
Northern State Medical University
Petrozavods State University
Yakutsk State University

SINGAPORE
National University of Singapore

SPAIN
Universidad de Valencia
Universidad de Barcelona

TURKEY
Dokuz Eylül Universitesi

USA
Alfred University
Asbury College
Bates College
Butler University
Clemson University
Michigan Technological University
Montana State University
New Mexico State University
North Carolina A&T State University
Otterbein College
San Jose State University
Southeast Missouri State University
State University of New York at Buffalo
University of Alaska Fairbanks
University at Albany
University of California Santa Barbara
University of Idaho
University of Maryland
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
University of North Dakota
Washington College
The Scandinavian Studies Programme offers courses from different disciplines that are represented at the Faculty of Humanities. The courses are offered to both Finnish degree students as well as international exchange students with the exception of two courses (Survival Finnish and Saami Culture), which are offered only to international exchange students.

Students can either choose to take only the courses they are interested in or they can complete the entire programme with a total of 32 ECTS (16 US) credits.

Notice that there are few exceptions to this rule. The students who would like to take the Saami Culture course are required to take at least three (3) other courses from the Scandinavian Studies programme. Students are free to choose which other courses they would like to take.

Participation in lectures is required. If you fail to attend the lectures, please discuss about extra assignments with the lecturer. All changes (lecture cancellations etc.) will be informed via e-mail.

**GRADING**

Your grades will be given according to classroom performance, assignments, and/or examinations. Grades for individual courses are usually numerical on a scale 1-5 (5 being the best grade, 0 a fail).

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Teachers will let you know in the beginning of a course how you will be assess-
You need to complete all required assignments to pass a course. The essays and other written assignments are usually to be sent to the teachers by e-mail.

**TRANSCRIPTS**

Official transcripts will be sent to you (European students) or to your home university’s international office. Please note that transcripts will be sent out after the end of the Fall semester, i.e. in the beginning of February at all.

If you leave earlier and need to submit a transcript to your home institution, please ask for a transcript at least one week in advance.

N.B. If you need a new, original transcript after graduating from your home university when you are applying to a graduate school, please contact the programme coordinator.
Here are some general notes on what will be expected of you when writing a paper. Before you begin writing, always find out if the lecturer has any special requirements for you to follow.

Strive to put your thoughts on paper in as logical, precise and easily understandable as possible: formulate ideas, analyze issues, bring additional points of view, and raise questions. Focus on certain aspects; you do not have to cover everything. Focus on relevant information: comment, criticize, lay arguments, and be thorough and thoughtful.

Remember to turn in your paper on its due-date. If you need extra time, discuss the issue with the lecturer well in advance. Assignments that are returned late without a valid excuse can be graded as fail. The lecturer will inform you about the deadline as well as the length of the assignment.

Type your paper on one side only of an A4 paper. The type-script should be one-and-a-half-spaced except for the the list of sources (which may be single-spaced to save space). There should be adequate margins - preferably 2.5 cm at the right and at the foot. Leave extra space between paragraphs (do not indent the first line). Try to avoid “empty headings” (headings which are directly followed by a subheading) or writing paragraphs which are too short. Remember to add page numbers.

Check the layout, paragraphs and punctuation, and see to it that quotations are accurate before handing in a paper. Check all numbering to see that no pages, tables, etc. are missing or incorrectly numbered.

No handwritten papers are accepted! The essays should be sent directly to the teachers by email.
THE FORMULA OF A PAPER IS AS Follows:

First page: Title page
Title of the paper in the middle of the page, at the right corner at the bottom of the page list:
  Name
  Date (dd.mm.yyyyy)
  Name of the course
  Scandinavian Studies
  Faculty of Humanities
  University of Oulu

Second page: Table of Contents
Table of Contents lists the numbers of the individual sections of the paper according to the
system 1, 2, 2.1, 2.2, 3 (or, 1., 2., 2.1., 2.2., 3., etc.), the headings of the sections, and the
number of the page in the paper on which these are found.

Following pages
Avoid too many grades of subheading; one grade (e.g. 1.1.) will be sufficient for most Scan
dinavian Studies papers. Type headings on a separate line.

In the sections/chapters after the Introduction present the reader your method of study and
the findings of your analysis. Use footnotes when referring to sources other than yourself.
Remember to use your own words instead of just repeating the sources. Quotations should
be marked off from the text by double "quotation marks". Longer quotations are broken off
from the text and indented (single-spaced; no quotation marks needed).

State briefly at least what you studied, how you studied it, and why it was worth studying. Set
down the thesis or hypothesis which guided your research, i.e. say clearly what it is that you
want to convince your reader of.

You need to sum up the paper in your conclusion. This is a good place to summarize the
main ways in which your study supports the thesis which you stated in your introduction.
You might also wish to consider how valid your findings are, if they have any practical appli-
cations, any weaknesses you discovered in your study, what work remains to be done in the
area you studied, and/or the like.

Appendix/appendices (optional): It is sometimes convenient to present material which you
cannot discuss in full in the body of your paper in one or more (numbered) appendices. If,
for example, you discussed several sentences from a newspaper article in the body of your
paper, you may wish to include the entire article as an appendix.

Last page: List of sources.
List your sources in alphabetical order.
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1. Introduction

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University Main Library, also called the Pegasus Library, is one of the places to search for books, journals and other information sources for your course assignments.
The courses (with some exceptions) in the Scandinavian Studies programme are offered to both international exchange students as well as Finnish degree students. This provides an excellent opportunity for intercultural interactions with students from different cultures and backgrounds.

Courses that are offered only to international exchange students:
Survival Finnish, 2 ECTS, 1 US cr (code 683707P) FULL!
Saami Culture, 5 ECTS, 2,5 US cr (code 683708P) FULL!

Courses offered to both Finnish and intl. exchange students:
Finnish Political System, 3 ECTS, 1,5 US cr (code 683709P)
Scandinavian Prehistory, 3 ECTS, 1,5 US cr (code 683710P)
Viking Age, 3 ECTS, 1,5 US cr (code 683711P)
Introduction to Finnish History, 3 ECTS, 1,5 US cr (code 683712P)
Nordic Mythology, 3 ECTS, 1,5 US cr (code 683713P)
Finnish Literature, 3 ECTS, 1,5 US cr (code 683714P)
Scandinavian Literature, 3 ECTS, 1,5 US cr (code 683715P)
Humans and Environment, 4 ECTS, 2 US cr (code 683716P)
SURVIVAL FINNISH

2 ECTS, 1 US cr
Course code 683707P

Lectures, 30 hrs

Teacher
Ms Jaana Isohätälä
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Aim
This is an introductory course which aims to help students to cope with the most common everyday situations in Finnish.

Contents
During the course, students learn some useful everyday phrases, some general features of the vocabulary and grammar, and the main principles of pronunciation.

Evaluation
The lectures are followed by a written exam.

NB! Notice that the Language and Communication unit at the University of Oulu organizes similar courses also titled as Survival Finnish. If you didn’t fit into this course, please visit http://www.oulu.fi/languageandcommunication/
SAAMI CULTURE

5 ECTS, 2,5 US cr
Course code 683708P

Lectures, 14 hrs

Study trip to Lapland
November 17-21,2014
Instruction, 20 hrs

Teacher
Mr Joni Saijets
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Contents

1. Who are the Sami?
Tradtional and modern views on the origin of the Sami.

2. Contemporary Sami society
The living areas of the Sami, size of population and the Sami languages.

3. Livelihoods
Reindeer herding and other Sami livelihoods. Past and present.

4. Sami traditional culture
Material and mental culture: shamanism and Christianity. Traditional Sami healing and the relation of the Sami to nature.

5. Modern Sami culture
Sami literature, music, theatre and pictorial arts. Sami activities in using mass media: radio, TV and newspapers.

6. Identity of the Sami
What are the views of the outsiders upon Sami identity, and more importantly how do the Sami themselves form their identity in a changing world.

7. Education
Education of the Sami from the past to the present.
8. Study trip to Sami area
An introduction to the Sami area in Finland and Norway.

Evaluation
Continuous assessment during the lectures and the study trip.
Home essay, numerical assessment 1-5.

The ancestral lands of the Sami people span across Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. Many years of forced assimilation in these countries makes it difficult to estimate the numbers of Sami. The best known livelihood is reindeer herding.

Today, many Sami lead modern lives in the cities inside and outside the traditional Sami area. The authorities of Norway, Sweden and Finland are now making an effort to build up Sami cultural institutions and promote Sami culture and language.

February 6 is recognized as Sami National Day. In Finland, the Giellagas Institute at the University of Oulu was founded in 2001, with a special, national task set by the Ministry of Education to deliver and carry out university level education and research in Sami Studies.
FINISH POLITICAL SYSTEM

3 ECTS, 1,5 US cr
Course code 683709P

Lectures, 18 hrs

Teacher
Mr Tapio Raunio, Ph. D
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Contents
The five Nordic countries Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden are usually grouped together in political science: all of them are relatively small in terms of population, geographically remote, and their political systems have several similarities, even to the extent that it is common to refer to a Nordic model of politics. Indeed, Nordic countries are often seen as paragons of stable and consensual democracies. However, there are also significant differences between the countries that deserve closer attention.

The objective of the course is to introduce students to the political systems of Finland and the Nordic countries. After the course the students should understand how the political system of Finland operates and how the Nordic model of politics differs from the political systems of other European countries.

The lecture series focuses mainly on the Finnish political system. In addition, students are expected to read an article about Nordic politics.

Evaluation
Course evaluation is based on participation in the lectures and a learning diary.
SCANDINAVIAN PREHISTORY

3 ECTS, 1,5 US cr
Course code 683710P

Lectures, 20 hrs

Teacher
Mr Samuel Vaneeckhout, Ph.D
samuel.vaneeckhout@gmail.fi

Contents
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 basics of Scandinavian folk culture.

Evaluation
Continuous assessment during the lectures and a home essay/written exam.
VIKING AGE

3 ECTS, 1,5 US cr
Course code 683711P

Lectures, 20 hrs

Teacher
Mr Harri Hihnala, B.A.
harri.hihnala@student.oulu.fi

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.

After the course students will be able to analyze the development of the culture of Finland and the Scandinavian countries during the Viking Age.

Evaluation
Continuous assessment during the lectures and a home essay/written exam.
INTRODUCTION TO FINNISH HISTORY

3 ECTS, 1,5 US cr
Course code 683712P

Lectures, 20hrs

Teacher
Ms Sirpa Aalto, Ph.D
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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.

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.

Evaluation
The lectures are followed by a written exam.
NORDIC MYTHOLOGY

3 ECTS, 1,5 US cr
Course code 683713P

Lectures, 20hrs

Teacher
Mr Samuel Vaneeckhout, Ph.D
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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.

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

Evaluation
Continuous assessment during the lectures and a home essay/written exam.
FINNISH LITERATURE

3 ECTS, 1,5 US cr
Course code 683714P

Lectures 20hrs

Teacher
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Contents
Course is an introduction to Finnish literature consisting 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.

Evaluation
Continuous assessment during the lectures and a presentation.
SCANDINAVIAN LITERATURE

3 ECTS, 1,5 US cr
Course code 683715P

Lectures 20hrs

Teacher
Ms Riitta Kosunen, Lic.Phil.
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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.

Work forms include lectures, group work, student presentations, readings and discussions.

Evaluation
Continuous assessment during the lectures and a course journal.
HUMANS AND ENVIRONMENT

4 ECTS, 2 US cr
Course code 683716P

Lectures, 16 hrs

Teacher
Mr Edward Dutton, Ph.D
ecdutton@hotmail.com

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

Evaluation
Continuous assessment during the lectures. Exam/home essay.
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