

EP08.15
(Rev. 10/17/07)

PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

RECEIVED LAS

OCT 17 2007

TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL:

Revision of the Scandinavian Studies Concentration of the German Major, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

COLLEGE SPONSOR: Ann M. Mester, Associate Dean, College of LAS, mester@uiuc.edu, 3-6622

SPONSOR: Anna W. Stenport, Assistant Professor of Scandinavian Studies. Email: aws@uiuc.edu; Phone 217-265-4037

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

1. The Scandinavian Studies Concentration requires 30 credit hours beyond SCAN 101-102 (prerequisite first-year language courses, or the equivalent as approved by advisor).

Courses required for the concentration

- a) Language courses (11-12 credit hours)
SCAN 103-104
SCAN 494
 - b) 200-level courses (6 credit hours)
Choose from SCAN 215, 225, 251, 252.
 - c) 300- or 400-level courses (12-13 credit hours)
Choose from SCAN 375, 463, 464, 490, 492, and 496
2. 21 credits of supporting course work comprised of study in areas relevant for Scandinavian Studies, chosen in collaboration with the Scandinavian Studies faculty advisor. Possible areas include Germanic Languages and Literatures, English, Linguistics, History, Political Science, Comparative and World Literature, International and Area Studies, European Studies, etc.
 3. The current Program of Study statement now indicates: "minimum required major and supporting course work normally equates to 45-57 hours with at least 30 hours in German." This is not true for this concentration. The Program of Study below has been revised to read as follows: "Minimum required major and supporting course work normally equates to 45-57 hours with at least 30 hours in German except for the concentration in Scandinavian Studies."

JUSTIFICATION for Revision:

The revisions to the Scandinavian Studies Concentration better reflect the program's current offerings and staff availability. The revisions to the concentration will make it easier for students to complete all requirements, thus ensuring that students practically have the option to pursue the concentration. The concentration has had very few majors during the last decades, at least partly because the old requirements do not match the available course offerings.

There is good reason to include the SCAN 103-104 in the concentration, since very few students will have studied a Scandinavian language at the high school level. Their commitment to studying four semesters of language at the college level should thus be rewarded by counting the second-year classes toward the concentration. At the end of four semester of Scandinavian language learning, students achieve a very high standard of proficiency, well comparable to fifth- and sixth-semester language instruction in other languages.

Rather than requiring students a year of study abroad at a Scandinavian university, the revised concentration is possible to complete on the University of Illinois campus. Because the 300- and 400-level SCAN literature/film/culture courses are taught by a limited number of faculty members (usually Anna Stenport, only) and on a rotating schedule (usually every fourth semester), some flexibility in the requirements must be allowed. In practice, completion of the concentration will usually involve one semester of study abroad, allowing students to take advantage of the University's exchange program with Uppsala University (or other Scandinavian universities, as applicable).


BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

- NONE. It is expected that the revised concentration will initially lead only to a slight increase in the number of concentration majors and that the current staff, class size, student-faculty ratio, facilities use, library and computer facilities, and student enrollment will be able to absorb that increase.

GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:

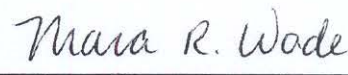
The Revised Concentration in Scandinavian Studies satisfies the Guidelines for Undergraduate Education.

CLEARANCES: (signatures and dates)

 10/15/07

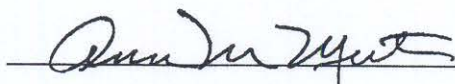
Anna W. Stenport

Assistant Professor Scandinavian Studies

 10/16/07

Mara Wade

Head, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures

 10/16/07

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Office of the Provost

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.

Program of Study Entry for Course Catalog

Germanic Languages and Literatures

Head of Department: Mara Wade

Department Office: 2090 Foreign Languages Building, 707 South Mathews, Urbana, 333-1288

German

www.germanic.uiuc.edu

Administered by the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, a major in German serves to develop fluency in one of the leading languages of science, industry, and intellectual culture; familiarity with principles governing the structure of our Indo-European family of languages and of languages generally; insight into the use of language in literary expression and portrayal; and knowledge of the culture that finds expression through this language and its literature. The departmental concentration in Scandinavian provides substantially the same advantages. The department also sponsors study abroad programs.

Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum

E-mail: german@uiuc.edu

Degree title: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Minimum required major and supporting course work normally equates to 45-57 hours with at least 30 hours in German except for the concentration in Scandinavian Studies.

General education: The LAS General Education requirements are set up so students automatically complete the Campus General Education requirements.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours

Departmental distinction: Students majoring in the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures are urged to consult the departmental honors adviser by the second semester of the junior year for information pertaining to senior honors work and honors awards in the department.

Students must select one concentration in consultation with an adviser.

German and Commercial Studies Concentration

No change

Language and Literature Concentration

No change

Language Studies Concentration

No change

Modern German Studies Concentration

No change

Scandinavian Studies Concentration

Designed for students with a broad interest in Scandinavian Studies, including acquiring proficiency in a modern Scandinavian language. 30 credit hours of SCAN is required for the concentration.

Hours	Requirements
11-12	Language Courses beyond SCAN 101-102:
	SCAN 103 Intermediate Scandinavian I
	SCAN 104 Intermediate Scandinavian II
	SCAN 494 Topics in Scan Languages
6	At least two courses from the following 200-level course offerings:
	SCAN 215 - Madness, Myth, and Murder
	SCAN 225 - Vikings & Volvos: Scan Culture
	SCAN 251 - Viking Mythology
	SCAN 252 - Viking Sagas in Translation
12-13	At least four courses from the following 300- and 400-level course offerings:
	SCAN 375- Scandinavian Sexualities
	SCAN 463- Ibsen in Translation
	SCAN 464- Strindberg in Translation
	SCAN 490- The Films of Ingmar Bergman
	SCAN 492- New Scandinavian Cinema
	SCAN 496- Special Topics in Scan Studies
21	Supporting coursework comprised of study in areas relevant for Scandinavian Studies, chosen in consultation with the Scandinavian Studies faculty advisor. Areas could include: Germanic Languages and Literatures, English, Linguistics, History, Political Science, Comparative and World Literatures, International and Area Studies, European Studies.

For All Concentrations

Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

All foreign language requirements must be satisfied.
A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60-75 hours). Please see your adviser.

Language Studies Concentration

No change

Modern German Studies Concentration

No change

Scandinavian Studies Concentration

Designed for students with a broad interest in Scandinavian Studies, including acquiring proficiency in a modern Scandinavian language. 30 credit hours of SCAN is required for the concentration.

Hours	Requirements
11-12	Language Courses beyond SCAN 101-102: SCAN 103 Intermediate Scandinavian I SCAN 104 Intermediate Scandinavian II SCAN 494 Topics in Scan Languages
6	At least two courses from the following 200-level course offerings: SCAN 215 - Madness, Myth, and Murder SCAN 225 - Vikings & Volvos: Scan Culture SCAN 251 - Viking Mythology SCAN 252 - Viking Sagas in Translation
12-13	At least four courses from the following 300- and 400-level course offerings: SCAN 375- Scandinavian Sexualities SCAN 463- Ibsen in Translation SCAN 464- Strindberg in Translation SCAN 490- The Films of Ingmar Bergman SCAN 492- New Scandinavian Cinema SCAN 496- Special Topics in Scan Studies
21	Supporting coursework comprised of study in areas relevant for Scandinavian Studies, chosen in consultation with the Scandinavian Studies faculty advisor. Areas could include: Germanic Languages and Literatures, English, Linguistics, History, Political Science, Comparative and World Literatures, International and Area Studies, European Studies.

For All Concentrations

Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

All foreign language requirements must be satisfied.

A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60-75 hours). Please see your adviser.