B.A.

In this program, students are introduced to the languages and literatures of the Scandinavian countries, with strong emphasis on the cultural, social and historical background. A major and minor is offered with concentration in Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, or Swedish.

Preparatory Coursework

Students must receive a passing score on the Graduation Proficiency Test in Danish, Finnish, Norwegian or Swedish.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete at least 120 credits to graduate, including at least 30 credits in the major.

This includes a core curriculum of 21 credits and an additional 9 credits of electives. The major program must be approved by the director of undergraduate studies.

Required Courses

- Dan, Nor, or Swed 3011 and Scan 3012 or Fin 3011 and Fin 3012
- GSD 3451—Major Project Seminar or GSD 3452 Honors Major Project Seminar
- Three courses selected from the following:
  - Scan 3501—Scandinavian Culture Past & Present
  - Scan 3502—Scandinavian Myths
  - Scan 3503—Scandinavian Folklore
  - Scan 3504—The Immigrant Experience
  - Scan 3601—Great Literary Works of Scandinavia
- 3 additional 3xxx-, 4xxx-, or 5xxx-level courses in Scandinavian languages and literature; 1 elective may be taken in an appropriate social science course in consultation with the director of undergraduate studies.

Electives

Appropriate courses in the social sciences that deal with Scandinavian topics. Scandinavian area studies courses are offered in departments such as geography, history, and sociology.

Language Requirements

Students must complete 3011 and 3012 courses in one of the following four languages: Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, or Swedish (Dan, Nor, or Swed 3011 and Scan 3012; or Fin 3011 and Fin 3012, totaling 8 credits).

Final Project

All majors must complete GSD 3451—Major Project in German and Scandinavian.

Minor Requirements

In addition to receiving a passing score on the Graduate Proficiency Test, a minor in one of the Scandinavian languages consists of at least 14 credits, distributed as follows:

- Dan, Nor, or Swed 3001 and Scan 3012 or Fin 3011 and Fin 3012
- 2 additional courses at the 3xxx-, 4xxx-, or 5xxx-level in Scandinavian Languages and literature

The minor program must be approved by the director of undergraduate studies.
You have not declared a major until you have:

1. Talk with the director of undergraduate studies to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a Scandinavian languages and Finnish major, meet with the director of undergraduate studies to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community to learn about your new major’s declaration process.

Remember!

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program Form with your major adviser
- filed a copy with the major department
- filed a copy with your CLA student community
- be sure to keep a copy for yourself

What can I do with a major in Scandinavian languages and Finnish?

Skills

Scandinavian languages and Finnish majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

- Verbal and written communication skills
- Strong cultural knowledge and understanding
- Ability to formulate clear and persuasive messages
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups

Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, recruiting, international business
- Education—teaching, research, student affairs
- Government—public information, campaigns, policy, elected official
- Social services—social work, therapy, ESL instruction
- Nonprofit—fundraising, programming, management
- Law—litigation, advocacy, lobbying

Today’s workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

For more information

About the Scandinavian languages and Finnish major:
Undergraduate Advising
205 Folwell Hall
(612) 625-2080
http://www.folwell.umn.edu/gsd/

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:
CLA Languages and Math Student Community
114 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7540
http://langmath.cla.umn.edu
langmath@class.cla.umn.edu

or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
http://www.mlk.umn.edu/mlk@class.cla.umn.edu

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:
Career and Community Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:
Students interested in graduating with honors should contact:
CLA Honors Division
115 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-5522
www.cla.umn.edu/honors/
honors@class.cla.umn.edu

How do I declare a Scandinavian languages and Finnish major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with the director of undergraduate studies to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a Scandinavian languages and Finnish major, meet with the director of undergraduate studies to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community to learn about your new major’s declaration process.