

# COURSE DETAIL

## SCANDINAVIAN CIVILIZATION A: VIKINGS, SAGAS, AND THE ROAD TO ENLIGHTENMENT

**Country**

United Kingdom - Scotland

**Host Institution**

University of Edinburgh

**Program(s)**

University of Edinburgh

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Scandinavian Studies History

**UCEAP Course Number**

108

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

SCANDINAVIAN CIV A

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

## **UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

### **Course Description**

This course offers a wide-ranging survey of Scandinavian history and culture from the Mesolithic (c. 8000 BC) to the Enlightenment (c. AD 1750) and beyond. It begins by defining and distinguishing the key concepts "Nordic" and "Scandinavian," the linguistic heritage of the regions concerned, and the core terminology used to compartmentalize and describe their past. It then moves on to the evolution of Scandinavian culture from earliest antiquity to the Iron Age, as a longitudinal introduction to our study of the Viking Age. The survey of Viking culture provides an overview of social structure, worldview, and belief, and examines different aspects of the Viking Expansion overseas. Students explore the discovery, settlement, and early society of Iceland, and also chart the rise and fall of the Danish Empires, the deep-reaching influence of the Hanseatic League, the profound impact the Protestant Reformation of the mid-16th Century on Nordic society, and the role of Sweden as an "Imperial power" in the 17th Century. The course concludes with an overview of the origins and ideals of the Enlightenment as experienced in the North.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

ELCS08037

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### **Host Institution Campus**

Edinburgh

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Scandinavian Studies

**Course Last Reviewed**

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