COURSE DETAIL

THE VIKING AGE IN THE EAST AND THE WEST
Country Denmark
Host Institution Aarhus University
Program(s) Aarhus University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Scandinavian Studies History
UCEAP Course Number 120
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE VIKING AGE IN THE EAST AND THE WEST
UCEAP Transcript Title VIKING AGE E & W
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description

This course examines the tumultuous period of history known as the Viking Age (793 – 1066) from Vínland in the West to the Caspian Sea in the East. It traces the stories of Viking raiders and settlers in Christian Europe, the Islamic Caliphate, and the New World by interrogating a number of English-translated sources, including the Old Icelandic sagas, the writings of Latin chroniclers and Arabic geographers, and art and material culture. The course investigates what it meant to be a Viking; whether it was a lifestyle or an ethnic identity; whether Vikings were bloodthirsty marauders, well-armed businessmen, or hipsters with a snazzy sense of style, as they appear in some modern reconstructions; and how the people who spread across the islands of the North Atlantic lived in their daily lives. Finally, the course examines the enduring attraction and impact of the three centuries of chaos and expansion that emanated from Scandinavia during the Viking Age.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus
Aarhus

Host Institution Faculty
Arts

Host Institution Degree
Bachelor

Host Institution Department
Department of Culture and Society

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