

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

Host Institution Course Number

117191U002

Host Institution Course Title

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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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