COURSE DETAIL

CONTEMPORARY IMAGES OF THE VIKING AGE: NORDIC HISTORY AND CULTURE IN MODERN RECEPTION

Country
Iceland

Host Institution
University of Iceland

Program(s)
University of Iceland

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
History

UCEAP Course Number
102

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
CONTEMPORARY IMAGES OF THE VIKING AGE: NORDIC HISTORY AND CULTURE IN MODERN RECEPTION

UCEAP Transcript Title
THE VIKING AGE

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.00

UCEAP Semester Units
2.70

Course Description

This course provides an overview of general and specific concepts concerning popular perceptions of Viking Age and medieval Nordic history and culture from a multidisciplinary perspective. By reviewing of a wide variety of primary sources, medieval and modern - including sagas, chronicles, myths, folklore, video games, TV, and film - the course provides students with a basic knowledge of both practical aspects and mental attitudes related to the spread of Nordic cultural ideals to a worldwide audience: in particular, the medieval origins of ideas of Nordic culture and how they were transplanted into mainstream popular entertainment. Students explore misconceptions and stereotypes about Viking Age lifestyle and culture, including daily life, food, identity, Romanticism, Nationalism, and ethnic and spatial borders, with particular focus on medieval Iceland and Scandinavia.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
SAG446G

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Faculty of Philosophy, History and Archaeology

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department
Course Last Reviewed 2022-2023

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