

HISX - HISTORY EDUCATION ABROAD

HISX200 World of the Vikings (3 Credits)

The history and worldview of pre-Christian Scandinavians as reflected in medieval textual sources and in poems and artifacts from the Viking Age (793–1066 CE). We examine Norse society, political structures, gender ideals, religion and mythology. You learn about Viking expansion, colonies and conquests. An essential part of this interdisciplinary course is dedicated to medieval Icelandic sagas and how Vikings are portrayed in modern public history and contemporary popular culture. This course is offered as part of the Maryland-in-Stockholm study abroad program. Students must apply for this program through Education Abroad: More information at ter.ps/UMStockholm. Education Abroad processes registrations for this course on behalf of students.

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HISX300 Scandinavia in the Middle Ages: from Viking Warriors to Christian Knights (3 Credits)

Focuses on the development of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden as kingdoms in the Middle Ages, both in terms of internal relations and contact, conflict, and exchanges with continental Europe and the wider world. We examine state building and law-making, Christianization and church organization, feuds, rebellions, and warfare, the Baltic crusades and forced conversion of pagans, literary and cultural developments, as well as migration and border-crossing. The aim of the course is to consider these phenomena in the intersection between cultural adaptation and domestic creativity; to what extent does Scandinavia adapt to wider European trends, and to what extent are they independently formed?

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HISX301 History of Sweden in Europe and the World (3 Credits)

Sweden's historical relationships to the Baltic Region, Europe and the US. We will look at the Great Power Era, the poverty and mass emigration of the 19th century, the internationally famous inter-war Middle Way; we will then consider Sweden's role in World War II and the Cold War, as well as the current impact of neoliberalism and globalization. Our focus, throughout, will be on Sweden's international profile and power, and the influence of this, in turn, on Sweden's national identity and future.

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HISX302 Barcelona: the City and its History (3 Credits)

This is a course that emphasizes the historical development of Barcelona from Pre-Roman times until nowadays. Although this course has a dominant historical approximation, other disciplines will be also taken into account, such as art, literature, architecture and urbanism.

Additional Information: This course is offered as part of the Maryland-in-Barcelona study abroad program. Students must apply for this program through Education Abroad: More information at ter.ps/UMBarcelona. Education Abroad processes registrations for this course on behalf of students.

HISX311 The History & Culture of Italian Food (3 Credits)

Examines the relationship between food, culture and identity in Italy through a variety of readings, discussions, outdoor activities and tasting experiences. Traces the historical evolution of Italian food culture through a multi-disciplinary (historical, anthropological, sociological, geographical) approach, using food workshops to supplement lectures and class discussions.

Additional Information: This course is offered as part of the Maryland-in-Florence study abroad program. Students must apply for this program through Education Abroad: More information at ter.ps/UMFlorence. Education Abroad processes registrations for this course on behalf of students.