VIKING AND MEDIEVAL NORDIC STUDIES (MLitt / PGDip / PGCert) 56R60SA2/61R60SVX/ 62R60SVZ

Duration: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time (MLitt); 9 months full-time or 18 months part-time (PgDip).

Content: Candidates undertake the following:

FULL TIME ROUTE

Compulsory courses:

PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)
HI502J Old Norse 1: Language, Literature and Culture (30 credit points)

Note: Students with appropriate proficiency in Old Norse should take alternative non-Norse courses from the list of electives, in consultation with the programme coordinator.

Plus 90 credit points from the following options:

Stage 1: First Term

AY5001	Northern Worlds (30 credit points)
AY5005	Viking Archaeology (30 credit points)
HI501D	Palaeography 1 (15 credit points)
HI502G	Independent Reading in Historical Studies (15 credit points)
HI502K	Special Subject (30 credit points)
HI503A	Directed Reading in History (30 credit points)
LT1009	Latin 1 (15 credit points)

Note: Other relevant elective modules chosen from the course catalogue may be taken with the permission of the programme co-ordinator and course co-ordinator.

Stage 2: Second Term

AY5501	Northern Peoples and Cultures (30 credit points)
AY5505	The World of Vikings (30 credit points)
CE4595	Celtic & Anglo-Saxon Kingship (30 credit points)
HI552G	Independent Reading in Historical Studies (15 credit points)
HI552L	Approaching Archives (15 credit points)
HI553A	Directed Reading in History (30 credit points)
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LT1507 Latin 2 (15 credit points)

HI553C History and the Media (15 credit points)

NB: Students may only take a maximum of 30 credits below level 5.

Note: Other relevant elective modules chosen from the course catalogue may be taken with the permission of the programme co-ordinator and course co-ordinator.

Stage 3

HI503S Dissertation in Historical Studies (60 credit points)

Assessment: Normally by a variety of forms of continuous assessment. The degree of MLitt shall not be awarded to a candidate who fails to achieve CGS grade of D3 or above in the Dissertation, irrespective of their performance in other courses.

PgDip (120 credits):

The PgDip is available to a student with 120 credits in courses. There is no dissertation.

PgCert (60 credits):

The PGCert is awarded to students who passed 60 credits. There is no dissertation.

PART TIME ROUTE

This route will run over two years. Students will take a maximum of 180 credit points over the two years. Between 60 and 120 credit points must be taken in Year 1. The dissertation must be taken in Year 2 in addition to between 0 and 60 credit points depending on the choices made in Year 1. Courses taken in Year 1 cannot be taken again in Year 2.

PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points) must be taken in Year 1

HI503S Dissertation in Historical Studies (60 credit points) must be taken in Year 2.

The following course is compulsory and can be taken in either Year 1 or Year 2:

HI502J OR HI553F Old Norse 1: Language, Literature and Culture (30 credit points) (Please note that only HI502J will run in 2025/26)

Note: Students with appropriate proficiency in Old Norse should take alternative non-Norse courses from the list of electives, in consultation with the programme coordinator.

Plus a further 90 credit points made up from the following electives:

AY5001 Northern Worlds (30 credit points)
AY5005 Viking Archaeology (30 credit points)
HI501D Palaeography 1 (15 credit points)
HI502G Independent Reading in Historical Studies (15 credit points)
HI503A Directed Reading in History (30 credit points)
Latin 1 (15 credit points)

AY5501 Northern Peoples and Cultures (30 credit points)
The World of Vikings (30 credit points)
CE4595 Celtic & Anglo-Saxon Kingship (30 credit points)
HI552G Independent Reading in Historical Studies (15 credit points)
Approaching Archives (15 credit points)
HI553A Directed Reading in History (30 credit points)
History and the Media (15 credit points)

NB Students may only take a maximum of 30 credits below level 5.

Note: Other relevant elective modules chosen from the course catalogue in cognate disciplines may be taken with the permission of the programme co-ordinator and course co-ordinator.

Assessment: Normally by a variety of forms of continuous assessment. The degree of MLitt shall not be awarded to a candidate who fails to achieve a CGS grade of D3 or above in HI503S, irrespective of their performance in other courses.

PgDip (120 credits):

LT1507 Latin 2 (15 credit points)

The PgDip is available to a student with 120 credits in courses. There is no dissertation.

PgCert (60 credits):

The PGCert is awarded to students who passed 60 credits. There is no dissertation.