

LANGUAGES AND CULTURES OF THE NORDIC AND BALTIC SEA REGION, MA, 120 ECTS, 2 years 2026-2028

The MA programme “Languages and Cultures of the Nordic and Baltic Sea Region” invites you to deepen your expertise in Norwegian / Danish / Swedish / Finnish / Latvian / Lithuanian / Polish / Russian / German – while broadening the perspective through comparative and cross-cultural study. You will explore socio-cultural developments that have shaped Eastern, Central and Northern Europe, engaging with cutting-edge topics such as migration and place, posthumanism and digital spaces, gender and family, and much more besides. Our innovative, experiential learning methods will help you engage with language, literature, cinema, and politics in unexpected ways, combining academic rigour with practical, applied skills. The flexible programme structure allows you to specialise in literary and cultural studies or (socio)linguistics – or design your own study path across fields. The programme also involves collaboration with similar programmes in the region.

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I (2026 AUTUMN SEMESTER)	30	ECTS	Contact hours
Compulsory courses	10		
Language, society, culture (the language studied: Norwegian, Danish, Swedish, Finnish, Russian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish or German) I/III		5	48
Theories and methods in cultural studies		5	48
Optional courses (Please select at least one spatial humanities course (or both), and the adjacent project in spatial humanities)	10/15		
Narratives of place and migration in NBS region		5	32
Cross-border languages, cultures and people(s)		5	32

Experiential learning and research project in spatial humanities		5	32
Electives (Choose depending on the number of available ECTS points from the specialty or the faculty list)	10/5		
Specialty elective courses			
Cultural relations of the countries of the Baltic Sea region		5	32
Experiential learning and applied project		5	32
Play theory and culture		5	32
Elective courses from the faculty list		5	32
II (2027 SPRING SEMESTER)	30	ECTS	Contact hours
Compulsory courses	5		
Language, society, culture (the language studied: Norwegian, Danish, Swedish, Finnish, Russian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish or German) II/III		5	48
Optional courses (Please select at least one gender course (or both), and the adjacent project in gender studies)	10/15		
Cultural representations of gender and family		5	32
Language and gender: From grammar to politics		5	32
Experiential learning and research project in gender studies		5	32
Electives (Choose depending on the number of available ECTS points from the specialty or the faculty list)	15/10		
Specialty elective courses			
Child's perspective in (language) education		5	32
Nordic cinema and film theory		5	32
Experiential learning and applied project		5	32

Elective courses from the faculty list		5	
III (2027 AUTUMN SEMESTER)	30	ECTS	Contact hours
Compulsory courses	10		
Language, society, culture (the language studied: Norwegian, Danish, Swedish, Finnish, Russian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish or German) III/III		5	48
MA seminar I/II		5	32
Optional courses (Please select at least one technology/climate course (or both), and the adjacent project in technology/climate studies)	10/15		
Posthuman turn in NBS region's literature and film		5	32
„Digital self“. Protest culture and discourses of activism		5	32
Experiential learning and research project in technology/climate studies		5	32
Electives (Choose depending on the number of available ECTS points from the specialty or the faculty list)	10/5		
Specialty elective courses			
Mythology and contemporary culture		5	32
Experiential learning and applied project		5	32
Literary translation workshop		5	32
Elective courses from the faculty list		5	
IV (2028 SPRING SEMESTER)	30	ECTS	Contact hours
Compulsory courses	30		
MA seminar II/II		5	16
MA thesis		25	48