

# LIVD02 Viking Culture Then and Now, 7,5 ECTS

## Schedule Spring 2026

19–26 Jan Before the course starts. Preliminaries

26 Jan 16.00 (Sweden Time Zone) **Introduction** (Zoom)

27 Jan **13–15 Iron Age Society and the Beginning of the Viking Age** *Roslund* (Zoom)

Reading: Hedeager (2008); Høilund Nielsen; Skre (2008); Williams: "Raiding and warfare"

27–30 Jan Text seminar (Canvas)

30 Jan **12–14 Material Culture in the Viking Age – Houses, Clothes and Decorative Art** *Roslund* (Zoom)

Reading: Fallgren; Hedeager (2011); Jørgensen; Wilson

30 Jan–3 Feb Text seminar (Canvas)

3 Feb **13–15 Hierarchies, Exchange & Relative Freedoms** *MacNiven* (Zoom)

Reading: The List of Rig; Sanmark; Skre (2017); Brink; Magnúsdóttir

3–6 Feb Text seminar (Canvas)

6 Feb **12–14 Vikings in the West, East and South – Politics, Weapons, Ships** *Roslund* (Zoom)

Reading: Bill; Callmer (2008); Callmer (2017); Downham; Pedersen; Price; Zachrisson

6–10 Feb Text seminar (Canvas)

10 Feb **13–15 Ritual, Belief & Morality** *MacNiven* (Zoom)

Reading: The Law of Óðinn; Þorbjörg lítilvölva; Adam of Bremen; Ahmad Ibn Fadlān; Hultgård; Gunnell

10–13 Feb Text seminar (Canvas)

13 Feb **12–14 Runes and Their Uses** *MacNiven* (Zoom)

Reading: Odin's Rune Song; Looijenga; Williams: "Runes"; Gräslund

13–16 Feb Text seminar (Canvas)

16–20 Feb Summaries of Viking Culture Then. Introduction to course paper writing (Canvas)

24 Feb **13–15 Frithiof's Saga: the Export Success of Nordic Romanticism** *Mortensen* (Zoom)

Reading: Tegné, Cantos XVII–XIX; Wawn; Brunner pp 115–123, 159–175; web resources

24–27 Feb Text seminar (Canvas)

27 Feb **12–14 Firsting in America** *Mortensen* (Zoom)

Reading: Barnes, chapter. 5; Blanck; Brunner pp 124–131; web resources

27 Feb–4 Mar Text seminar (Canvas)

3 Mar **13–15 The Viking Novel** *Mortensen* (Zoom)

Reading: Bengtsson, chapter I:1–3; Byatt, pp 3–12, 127–154; Byatt; web resources

3–6 Mar Text seminar (Canvas)

6 Mar **12–14 From Medieval Manuscripts to Modern Literature** *Mortensen* (Zoom)

Reading: The Battle of Maldon; Bengtsson, chapter II:1; The Story of Frithiof the Bold; Tegnér; Borges; Borges; Lavender; Classen; web resources

6–10 Mar Text seminar (Canvas)

10 Mar **13–15 Vikings in Film and Television** *Grønlund* (Zoom)

Reading: Vikings in Film; web resources

10–13 Mar Text seminar (Canvas)

13 Mar **12–14 The Viking Saga of Prince Amleth, from Saxo to Eggers** *Grønlund* (Zoom)

Reading: Vikings in Film; web resources

13–16 Mar Text seminar (Canvas)

16–20 Mar Paper writing: drafts and coaching (Canvas)

20 Mar 12-14 **Paper writing: Question Time** (Zoom)

27 Mar Submission papers (Canvas)

30 Mar–2 Apr Paper seminars (Canvas)