



# The Mind of the Raven

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## COURSES

### First-Year Experience Seminar

UGST 109

1 credit

### Vikings Through the Icelandic Sagas

SCAN 259

Core Education Arts & Letters (>1)

Global Perspectives (>GP)

4 credits

### Mind & Society

PSY 202

Core Education Social Science (>2)

4 credits

## CALENDAR

### First FIG Meeting

You will get to meet your FIG classmates, FIG Assistant (FA), and Faculty before classes start!

Check your FIG page in September to find out more details.

## ACADEMIC TEAM

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## ABOUT THIS FIG

### FYE Seminar

By the 12th century Icelandic belief in the old gods had waned significantly but the new writing that was beginning to take hold was steeped in a nostalgia for the past, the golden age of Vikings. Stories of shapeshifters, sorcerers, magical birds, and resplendent heroes all culminating in a doomed future marked this unique storytelling tradition, the Icelandic Family Saga. "The Mind of the Raven" explores this transformation from a nascent and derivative literary form to one of the greatest and most narratively intricate textual bodies in the medieval period, paying attention to the psychology of folk belief and collective experience, religion and fjord politics. As you embark upon this journey into the North will you follow the raven's eye across the mystical boundaries of memory and mind or will you be swallowed by the great wolf who rages to destroy all thought? As the seeress says, "Do you seek to know more, or what?"

### Vikings Through the Icelandic Sagas

There is nothing quite like the 'Sagas of the Icelanders' or 'Family Sagas.' Falling somewhere between historical novel and prose epic, these fusions of history, genealogy, vita, and legend are composed against the grain of European aesthetics. In this course, students will explore the notion that by the time we get the heyday of saga production in the middle of the 13th century, the art form is already in decay. This art form gives us some of medieval literature's brightest stars and roughest outlaws. The primary texts will be supplemented with secondary readings, including selections from the Book of Settlements and the great Icelandic law code, The Gray Goose.

### Mind and Society

Examines infant and child development, social psychology, personality, and psychopathologies. Shows how understanding the mind has implications for major social issues such as education, the promotion of tolerance, and our response to psychopathology.

## NEXT STEPS

After you're registered for your FIG, you will want to check out the Meet Your FIG page (<https://fyp.uoregon.edu/fall-2021-figs>). This page will have everything you need to know before the beginning of fall term, including how to email your FIG Assistant, your summer assignment, and when you will be meeting your FIG for the first time in September. In order to prepare for your coursework and be notified about important academic deadlines you will want to download the "Canvas" and "Navigate" apps to your devices. Also, be sure to visit the FYE Community page in September, which has all the resources you'll need to achieve success in your first-year (<https://fyp.uoregon.edu/community>). If you have questions about anything, make sure you email your FIG Assistant – they are here to help!



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9AM					
10AM	SCAN 259 15572 TYKE 204 10:00am-11:20am		SCAN 259 15572 TYKE 204 10:00am-11:20am		PSY 202 15373 MCK 349 10:00am-10:50am
11AM					
12PM					
1PM					
2PM	PSY 202 15358 STB 156 2:00pm-3:50pm		PSY 202 15358 STB 156 2:00pm-3:50pm		
3PM					
4PM	UGST 109 17687 STB 154 4:00pm-4:50pm				

This FIG has an asynchronous remote class (which appears on the UO class schedule as “WEB”) that does not appear on this schedule. You are enrolled in all of the FIG classes, and can see them when you log on to Duckweb.

## ENROLLED IN A FIG AND CHANGE YOUR MIND?

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