



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?

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

This course is an introduction to psychological research methods, child and adult development, personality structure and functioning, social processes in everyday life, cultural and cross-cultural models of human adaptation, and abnormal-clinical psychology. This course is part of a two-term sequence in introductory psychology.

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-2022-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 11984 TYKE 204 10:00am-11:20am		SCAN 259 11984 TYKE 204 10:00am-11:20am		PSY 202 16503 COL 44 10:00am-10:50am
11AM					
12PM					
1PM					
2PM	PSY 202 11577 STB 156 2:00pm-3:50pm	UGST 109 16193 FR 106 2:00pm-3:20pm	PSY 202 11577 STB 156 2:00pm-3:50pm		
3PM					
4PM					

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