

Program council meeting for VMS (MA) and Norse and Celtic studies (BA)

22 October 2024, at 09.00-10.00

Johan Bollaert (representative for Norse, ILN),
Kristen Mills (representative for Celtic, ILN),
Anders Winroth (representative for history, IAKH),
Julie Lund (representative for archaeology, IAKH),
Yngvild Storli (representative for administrative employees, IAKH),
Kathrine Kjellmann Brachel (representative for administrative employees, ILN),
Muriël Hanna de Kroon (student representative),
Markus Aasen Heide (student representative),
Morten Hvaal Stenberg (council secretary),
Elise Kleivane (council leader)

Meeting schedule

- 1) Welcome. Any other business?
- 2) VMS: New admission requirements ready for admission H25.
- 3) VMS: Revision of the program description (English) and subsequent translation into Norwegian.
See the working document by following the link in the email the meeting plan came in.

Target group: Potential students.

Text that generates hits in searches.

Focus on content and outcomes.

- 4) VMS and VMNS: At VMS, in the structure now students can either
 - write 60 ECTS master's thesis in the 3rd and 4th semester or
 - take a research semester or project semester in the 3rd semester and then write 30 credits. master's thesis in 4. semester.

At VMNS, they take courses in the 3rd semester and write 30 ECTS Master's thesis in the 4th semester.

The “fagmiljø”/academic community at ILN wants:

- that the students at VMS also should be able to choose to write 30 ECTS Master's thesis without taking a research semester or project semester (but take courses instead).
- that it becomes possible (or mandatory) that those who write 30 ECTS Master's thesis (VMNS and VMS without research semester or project semester) do this over two semesters: 10 credits in the 3rd semester and 20 credits in the 4th semester.

Advantages:

- Students get more time to work with the assignment, one semester goes by very fast
- The students get more opportunities to adapt their studies.
- The students (especially VMNS) get the opportunity to take subjects that take place in the spring.

Disadvantages:

- They have an exam coming up at the same time as the submission of the master's thesis.
- It can be difficult to keep track about where the students are in the course.
- We have to offer more subjects, without us maybe know in time about how big the need is it will be - and do we have the people for it?

Neither for nor against, but important to think about:

- If these changes are implemented, it must be ensured that there are enough courses to choose from, which students in the 3rd semester do not have taken in the 1st semester, and students in the 4th semester have not taken in the 2nd semester (slightly less likely).
- When it comes to completion of the study program, it is very good for VMNS (and in the MA course of study "litteraturformidling", where there is a 30-credit master's thesis written in the 4th semester and course work in the 1-3rd semester).
- What do the student representatives think?

Evaluate:

- If implemented, should *all* possibilities be open?
- Can the problem with "short time" when writing a 30 erts Master`s thesis in the 4th semester be solved by either creating a course which is about master's thesis writing and which includes preparing a project outline (with erts), or create a (semi)compulsory seminar (without a course) of 1-2 days where the same is the theme? It could also benefit the 60 erts thesis students.

In that case, the deadline is 1 November to report this for H25 onwards.

What does IAKH mean?

5) NORRKELT (BA)

The BA program in Nordic Studies will probably be decommissioned and ILN will create new programs instead. Then the study area Norse and Celtic studies/Norrøne og keltiske studier no longer have a programme to belong to/be a part of.

The "fagmiljø"/academic community at ILN would like to advocate for the field of study to be made into a programme.

Name: The proposal is Norrøn og keltisk filologi (NN/BM) / Old Norse and Celtic studies (engelsk)

Structure: See the document to which there is a link in the e-mail this meeting notice came in.

Reason: as above.

6) Any other business?