NOFI106 Old Norse Mythology: Syllabus
Spring Semester 2018, 5 ECTS

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Compulsory Assignments and Attendance

1) Obligatory attendance at least 75% of the scheduled lectures.

2) If the student, in consultation with the lecturer, sets up an alternative syllabus to the standard one, the student must hand in and have the syllabus list approved within the advertised deadline.

Form of Assessment

Oral examination (week 7, exact date to be determined)

No examination support material is permitted.

It is permitted to speak Norwegian, Danish, Swedish or English during the oral examination. It will be taken into consideration that international students might need extra time in order to formulate their answers fully.

Programme

17.1. Introduction
19.1. Cosmology – Voðuspá, Vafþrúðnismál, Grímnismál
24.1. Myth, Cult, Society – Rígsþula, Skírnismál
26.1. Óðinn and Knowledge – Hávamál, Baldr’s Draumar, Hyndluljóð
31.1. Snorra-Edda
2.2. Þórr and Loki – Þrymskviða, Lokasenna
Reading list

A. Primary Literature

   - Völuspá (The Seeress's Prophecy)
   - Hávamál (Sayings of the High One)
   - Vafþrúðnismál (Vafþrúðnir's Sayings)
   - Grímnismál (Grímnir's Sayings)
   - Skírnismál (Skírnir's Journey)
   - Lokasenna (Loki's Quarrel)
   - Þrymskviða (Thrym's Poem)
   - Baldrs draumar (Baldr's Dreams)
   - Rígsþula (The List of Rig)
   - Hyndluljóð (The Song of Hyndla)

   - Prologue
   - Gylfaginning
   - Skáldskaparmál

B. Secondary Literature

1. A broad introduction to Old Norse religion:


2. A selection of articles and chapters that comment on the primary texts of the syllabus. Approx. 100 pages.


