

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

MAJOR: B.A. IN NORWEGIAN

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PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT AND/OR PROGRAM GOALS:

Norwegian Program Mission Statement:

With the cultural context of Norway as its focus, the program engages students in the study of language and literature as meaning-bearing expressions of the human experience that function to communicate worldview, construct realities, question truths and critically examine social and cultural norms. Acquisition of proficiency in the Norwegian language, knowledge of the Norway within the Nordic cultural context, and the ability to critically interpret and analyze texts, broadly defined, equip students with the trans-cultural and trans-linguistic skills and perspectives necessary for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership, and care in local and global communities.

Norwegian Program Goals:

Upon completion of a major in Norwegian, the student will:

- Demonstrate proficiency in Norwegian language in all four skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking;
- Build an informed fluency of Norwegian culture within the Nordic region in its historical and contemporary contexts;
- Analyze and interpret literary texts through sound application of literary theory;
- Compare and contrast literary genres and narrative strategies as aesthetic and critical voices of human experience;
- Integrate language, culture and literature in advanced analysis and interpretation of fiction and/or non-fiction texts or discourses;
- Argue the role of texts as diverse expressions of human experience;
- Master advanced ability to write and speak with critical sophistication and elegance;

- Apply skills and perspectives gained in the major to an engaged understanding of diverse cultural and societal perspectives.