

## Graduate courses in Old English, Old Norse, and Old Saxon languages and cultures at the University of Toronto

course title	offered in 2011–12	instructor	description/comments	prerequisites for undergrads
Old English I	yes	varies	Don't take this as a follow-up to ENG240Y. It covers the same ground, just in a single term. Instead, move on to Old English III! Taught every year.	ask instructor
Old English II: <i>Beowulf</i>	yes	Healey/Orchard (alternate years)	Read all of <i>Beowulf</i> in Old English. Taught every year.	"A" in ENG240Y
The Exeter Book	no	Orchard	Read through the Old English poetic manuscript of the same title.	ask instructor
The Vercelli Homilies	no	Healey	Read a selection of Old English homilies from the Vercelli manuscript.	ask instructor
The Blickling Homilies	no	Healey	Read a selection of Old English homilies from the Blickling manuscript.	ask instructor
Geography and Identity in Old and Middle English Literature	yes	Michelet	See the instructor's book for a closer understanding of the course's theme.	"A-" in ENG240Y
Sources of Anglo-Saxon Magic	no	Orchard	No previous knowledge of the language required.	ask instructor
Sources of Norse Myth	yes	Orchard	No previous knowledge of the languages required.	ask instructor
Old Norse	yes	McDougall	Normally a thorough year-long beginner's course; every fifth or so year an advanced reading course. In 2011–12, it will be a beginner's course.	none
Old Saxon	no	Stock	Read selections from the <i>Heliand</i> . A good choice for ENG240Y students, since the languages and poetic traditions are closely related. Taught every second year.	ask instructor

## Graduate studies in Old English and Old Norse elsewhere (selection)

institution	comments
University of Cambridge	In its Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic, the University of Cambridge has neatly packed scholars in the languages and history of its three focal areas into a single department. Unfortunately, ASNC can be a difficult department to get into at the M.Phil-level, as it will require that you have completed a BA similar to its unique undergraduate programme. An affiliated BA (read: two-year BA-programme) is also available. Funding is fiercely competitive. Apart from Canadian sources, do apply for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship.
Cornell University	Cornell is an excellent place for Old English, and it has a legendary library of Old Norse materials. It is also home to the annual Fiske "Norsestock" graduate conference in medieval Scandinavian studies.
University of Iceland	The 12-month programme in Medieval Icelandic Studies at Háskóli Íslands provides a unique opportunity to focus entirely on Old Norse literature and history in an English-taught framework. The degree has a primary emphasis on literature, but the study of Old Norse-Icelandic is a key component of the programme. Students use the summer months to write a dissertation. A small number of full scholarships has been available in years past, but their availability is subject to yearly fluctuation depending on the state of the economy and the political landscape. Students may alternatively opt to apply for the BA-programme in Modern Icelandic, which offers a much larger number of scholarships to study what is in effect the same language.
University of Leeds	For reasons not yet fully understood, the Leeds Institute for Medieval Studies has had a large contingent of Canadian graduate students in recent years. Between the Institute and the School of English, the university also offers great Old English and Old Norse opportunities. Leeds is home to the International Medieval Congress and the International Medieval Bibliography. Although funding may occasionally be obtained locally, it will not cover the cost of living and should therefore be supplemented with Canadian sources.
University of Oxford	The English Department at Oxford offers a two-year M.Phil in Medieval Studies whose course offerings are very rich indeed. Needless to say, funding competition at Oxford is fierce, but the name may help impress Canadian funding bodies.
University of St Andrews	Saint Andrews is another popular destination for Canadian medievalists. While its Institute of Mediaeval Studies offers an interdisciplinary MLitt-programme in Medieval Studies, the School of English has both a single-year MLitt and a two-year MPhil, with Old as well as Middle English on the books.
University of York	York's Centre for Medieval Studies is one of the foremost institutions of its kind in Britain. Situated in the heart of the Viking Kingdom, it offers Old English and Old Norse literature alongside a wide range of courses on history, archaeology, and especially art history. As with all institutions in the UK, Canadians mostly have to bring in their funding from elsewhere.