Q34321 *Old Norse Texts*

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The module will focus on (1) Old Norse vocabulary, grammar and syntax and (2) close reading of selected extracts of Old Norse texts.

You will need all three volumes (*Grammar*, *Reader* and *Glossary*) of the most recent edition of *A New Introduction to Old Norse*, published by the Viking Society for Northern Research. For details of these and how to purchase them, see http://www.vsnr.org/publications/. They are also available for free online at http://vsnrweb-publications.org.uk/, however you may find it more convenient, both for your own study and for class discussion, to have the actual volumes to hand. You should read the Introductions to both the *Grammar* and the *Reader* in advance.

This introduction to the language will prepare you for all further work on Old Norse texts. It will based on selected extracts from sagas, and historical and mythological narratives. By the end of the module, you will be famiiar with the main aspects of Old Norse grammar and will have translated the set extracts. In class we will consider questions of translation and style, while observing grammar in action. Regular preparation and revision will be required, and your understanding of the language and the set texts will be tested by 3,000 words of coursework including translation, parsing, and literary and cultural commentary.

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