Norse Myth and Medieval Culture

SCAN 3350    AU14
TTh 9:35AM - 10:55AM
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*GE lit and diversity global studies course*
What do we know about Thor and Odin, and how do we know it? This course examines the myths of the Old Norse gods and the sources in which those myths are recorded. Students will gain insight into the world view and beliefs of the pagan North by reading (in English translation) the most important textual sources on Scandinavia's pre-Christian mythology. Place-name, archaeological, and other evidence will also be discussed. Students intrigued by the Viking Age, medieval Northern Europe, or the interpretation of myth will find much of interest (–as may bannermen of Houses Stark and Greyjoy).

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