

Exam Specifications

The exam takes place on **Tuesday 29 January in VG 4.107, 16:15–17:45**. No aids allowed.

Structure

1. Lecture exam (33% — count 30 minutes)
2. Seminar exam (67% — count 60 minutes)
 - (a) Translation of and questions concerning one or more seen passages (35% of seminar, 23.34% of total module score)
 - (b) Translation of and questions concerning an unseen passage (45% of seminar, 30% of total module score)
 - (c) Open questions on literary tradition: choice (20% of seminar, 13.34% of total module score)

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Lecture Exam

The lecture exam usually offers a choice of questions. Please read carefully exactly how many questions you are expected to answer. The questions are based on the lectures themselves but may also concern readings set for them, particularly where it concerns primary literature and/or in cases where the content of these readings is discussed in the lecture. Count 30 minutes for this assignment.

Seen Passage(s)

This assignment will print one or two short excerpts (approximately 12–15 lines total) from primary texts whose translation we have discussed in class. Glosses will be provided for less common words only. Along with the translation assignment you will be asked to answer questions relating to the content, context, and/or grammar of these excerpts. Count 15–20 minutes for this assignment.

Unseen Passage

This assignment will print one short passage of Old Icelandic prose (approximately 10–12 lines) with a glossary for all but the most common words. Words we have repeatedly encountered in our weekly readings and/or in the flashcards may not be glossed! Count 25–30 minutes for this assignment.

Open Questions

This assignment offers you a choice of questions (“answer any x out of the following y questions”) concerning the literary tradition as discussed in class in the second half of term. Questions will concern general tendencies rather than specific narratives, but they may ask for examples from texts read (in translation) during the term. Answers shouldn’t need to exceed two paragraphs in length. As an example, you may be asked to give a brief account of the role of wisdom exchanges in the eddic tradition. Count no more than 15 minutes for this assignment.