

# Runology & Old Norse

## ONLINE CPD MODULE 2026

### WHEN

**MONDAY 19 JANUARY – 20 APRIL 2026**  
12 WEEK ONLINE COURSE (WITH TWO WEEK BREAK)

### TIME

**MONDAY 1PM – 3PM GMT\***  
\*BST FROM 29 MARCH

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

- ◆ RECOGNISE THE OLDER AND YOUNGER SCANDINAVIAN AND BRITISH RUNIC ALPHABETS.
- ◆ BE ABLE TO GIVE A ROUGH DATING AND POSSIBLE PROVENANCE OF RUNIC INSCRIPTIONS.
- ◆ BE AWARE OF AND DESCRIBE IN SOME DETAIL THE RUNIC INSCRIPTIONS THAT EXIST IN ORKNEY AND SHETLAND.
- ◆ BE AWARE OF A SELECTION OF RUNIC INSCRIPTIONS FROM OTHER AREAS, I.E. SCANDINAVIA AND BRITAIN.
- ◆ SENSIBLY DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE READINGS OF INSCRIPTIONS.
- ◆ GIVE A READING AND INTERPRETATION OF AN UNFAMILIAR, BUT UNCOMPLICATED INSCRIPTION.
- ◆ EVALUATE THE KINDS OF EVIDENCE USED IN RUNOLOGY STUDIES.
- ◆ DISCUSS AND EXEMPLIFY THE USE OF RUNIC INSCRIPTIONS AS HISTORICAL SOURCE MATERIAL.
- ◆ HAVE A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF OLD NORSE GRAMMAR.
- ◆ HAVE A BASIC VOCABULARY IN OLD NORSE.
- ◆ BE ABLE TO TRANSLATE A SIMPLE TEXT FROM OLD NORSE TO ENGLISH WITH THE HELP OF A DICTIONARY AND GRAMMAR BOOK.

### CORE BOOKS

**MICHAEL BARNES:**  
RUNES A HANDBOOK

**JESSE BYOCK:**  
VIKING LANGUAGE 1

### ASSIGNMENTS

SHORT WEEKLY  
EXERCISES OVER 10  
WEEKS

2500 WORD RUNIC  
INSCRIPTION  
INTERPRETATION  
AND PRESENTATION  
AS AN EDITION TO BE  
SUBMITTED ON 8  
MAY

### FEES

FOR STUDENTS STUDYING ONLINE IN THE US – £1,200. FOR OTHER STUDENTS CONTACT [STUDYARCHAEOLOGY@UHI.AC.UK](mailto:STUDYARCHAEOLOGY@UHI.AC.UK).

### PREREQUISITES

STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE. RELEVANT EQUIVALENT EXPERIENCE CAN BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION ON CASE BY CASE BASIS. PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF OLD NORSE IS NOT NECESSARY.

### APPLY HERE

