A continued introduction to the language of medieval Scandinavia, with a primary focus on developing a basic reading proficiency so that students can avail themselves of the prose literature in the original with a dictionary. Students will be expected to work closely through the grammar and the translation of texts from the original language into English. There will be plenty of grammatical analysis, dictionary work, vocabulary and paradigm memorization, and translation (but no speaking component, obviously, beyond learning the medieval pronunciation). We shall also examine aspects of the linguistic structure of Old Norse from a diachronic perspective.

Prerequisite:
Permission of instructor for those who did not take GERM 514 in Fall 2018.