

Ben Isaacs

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About Ben

I am an undergraduate student in my final year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. My academic interest in the intersection between landscape and culture, along with my educational background in Scandinavian Studies, has led me to pursue research on the history of the hot springs of Iceland. I am also a map fanatic and intend to explore the overlap between my two fields of study in graduate school.

Education

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI (2018 – present)

- Bachelor of Arts in Cartography & Geographic Information Systems
- Bachelor of Arts in Scandinavian Studies

Awards

Schulenburg Prize for Excellence in Medieval Studies (2021)

- "The Hot Springs of the Icelandic Sagas: A History and Analysis"

Academic Experience and Skills

Independent Research and Study with Professor

- Danish literature study with Nete Schmidt, PhD

Group Research

- Senior capstone research: Environmental history of Iceland's hot springs

Foreign Language Competency

- Danish (advanced)
- French (advanced)
- Swedish & Norwegian (can read)

Cartography and Graphic Design Software

- ArcGIS and ArcMap
- Adobe Illustrator
- MapBox Studio Classic

Work Experience

Best Western Inntowner, Madison, WI (2019-2020)

- Front Desk Agent
- Customer service and software competency required

References

Nete Schmidt, Professor of Scandinavian Studies at UW-Madison

Kirsten Wolf, Professor of Scandinavian Studies at UW-Madison

Isabelle Kunze, Front Desk Manager at Best Western Inntowner

