German is part of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. A major is available in German as well as a minor in German Studies. While the major focuses primarily on the language, the interdisciplinary minor provides students the opportunity to take courses from a diverse set of departments.

Special Considerations

Students who directly enroll in and complete a 300-level German language course with a grade of ‘C’ or higher may be awarded credit for 201 and 202 courses provided they have not previously earned any lower division credit in that particular language.

Students who earned/received credit for a higher level German language course may not take or repeat a course at a lower level and receive credit for that course.

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Requirements for the Major in German

The German major consists of 24 credit hours. Students majoring in German are required to complete a semester of study abroad in a country where the German language is spoken, taking a majority of courses in German in a program approved by the language coordinator. In rare instances, exceptions to this policy may be granted, at the discretion of the faculty of the program, through a waiver process administered by the Coordinator of the German program.

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Literature Requirement

Select one course from the following:

- GER 401 German Prose
- GER 402 German Theater
- GER 403 German Expressionism
- GER 404 German Contemporary Film Seminar
- GER 405 German Poetry

400-Level Elective

Select one German (GER) course at the 400-level

Upper-Level Elective

Select one German (GER) course at 300- or 400-level

Semester of Study Abroad

Total Hours 24

1 Students must earn a grade of ‘C’ or higher in order to continue in the major.

Requirements for Minor in German Studies

The curriculum consists of 18 credit hours as described below. Courses taken to meet the requirements of the Minor in German Studies will NOT count toward requirements in programs other than German Studies. Exceptions may be granted in extraordinary circumstances and with permission of both the German Language Coordinator and the Department Chair in Philosophy, Religion, History, and/or Government. The candidate for the Minor in German Studies is strongly encouraged to participate in an extended study, travel, or work-abroad experience.

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Language Electives

Select two German (GER) courses at the 300-level or higher

Culture Electives

Select two courses from the following:

- HIST 370 Europe in the Age of Revolutions, 1789-1850
- HIST 380 Selected Topics in History
- INTL 321 War and Conflict
- INTL 360 European Politics
- PHIL 443 Kant and 19th Century Philosophy
- PHIL 445 Phenomenology
- REL 323 Western Public Religious Thought, 1900-1965

Any 300 or 400-level GER course

Total Hours 18

GER 101. Beginning Active German. 3 Hours.
A comprehensive introduction to the four skills of the language: speaking, aural comprehension, reading, writing. Structure and communication skills are emphasized through extensive use of German in the classroom.

GER 102. Beginning Active German. 3 Hours.
A comprehensive introduction to the four skills of the language: speaking, aural comprehension, reading, writing. Structure and communication skills are emphasized through extensive use of German in the classroom. Prerequisite: GER 101 with a minimum grade of D.

GER 201. Intermediate Active German. 3 Hours.
An intensive review of the language, with emphasis on development of fluent oral skills, refinement of grammatical structure, vocabulary building, and expansion of reading and writing skills. Oral communication is stressed in class. Prerequisite: GER 102 with a minimum grade of C-.
GER 202. Intermediate Active German. 3 Hours.
An intensive review of the language, with emphasis on development of fluent oral skills, refinement of grammatical structure, vocabulary building, and expansion of reading and writing skills. Oral communication is stressed in class.
Prerequisite: GER 201 with a minimum grade of C-.

GER 280. Selected Topics in German. 1 to 4 Hours.
The study of selected topics at the introductory or intermediate level in German.

GER 303. Advanced German. 3 Hours.
Modern short stories are the basis for discussions on a wide range of topics contrasting German and American cultural attitudes and the ways in which they are expressed. Written assignments are related to discussion topics. The course stresses application of grammar, idiomatic usage of German, and vocabulary acquisition, with the goal of moving the student toward advanced proficiency in German. Conducted in German.
Prerequisite: GER 202 with a minimum grade of C-.

GER 304. The German World. 3 Hours.
A discovery of Austria, Germany and Switzerland, their social, cultural, and political institutions, their geography and recent history through authentic listening and reading materials. Conducted in German.
Prerequisite: GER 303 with a minimum grade of C.

GER 306. Popular Culture and Traditions in Austria, Germany and Switzerland. 3 Hours.
An exploration of the historical development of popular culture in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland. Using representative samples of literary works, films, music, and fine arts, the course will examine the production, manifestation, and audience of popular culture. Outside influences that shape popular culture will also be discussed. Conducted in German.
Prerequisite: GER 303 with a minimum grade of C.

GER 308. Introduction to German Literature. 3 Hours.
Selected readings in poetry, drama, and prose introduce the student to the historical development of various literary genres and foster an appreciation of diverse styles and literary techniques. Conducted in German.
Prerequisite: GER 303 with a minimum grade of C.

GER 309. Business German. 3 Hours.
This course is designed to build speaking and oral comprehension skills, reading and writing skills, and cultural proficiency with a strong focus on business-German. The course concentrates on contemporary Germany, Austria, and Switzerland and will introduce students to essential aspects of business culture and practices in German-speaking countries.
Prerequisite: GER 303 with a minimum grade of C.

GER 370. Independent Study. 1 to 4 Hours.
Independent study of selected topics in German language, literature, or culture offered under the guidance of a member of the department. Permission of instructor required.
Prerequisite: GER 202 with a minimum grade of C.

GER 401. German Prose. 3 Hours.
A careful reading of selected texts by major German-speaking authors that trace the evolution of specific genres within German prose. The course surveys one of the major literary genres of either the German novel, the "Novelle," or the fairytale. The techniques and styles of major German authors are examined, with emphasis on their historical and social importance. Conducted in German.
Prerequisite: GER 308 with a minimum grade of C.