

2009-2010

# B.A. in German

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

## What Is the Study of German?

In keeping with the aim of providing the skills needed to learn about a culture in depth, the department trains in two areas: language structure and literary analysis. Language structure is taught both holistically and analytically. Holistic language learning is facilitated by modern methods and multimedia technology, as well as study abroad opportunities. The department supports the analytical instruction of language structure through a full range of language skills courses, as well as a significant number of courses in linguistics. Literary analysis is essential to a student's understanding of the highest achievements in aesthetic expression of a culture's values. The department provides instruction in history and culture, as well as literary theory, with an end to enabling the student to gain access to the intellectual life in the culture. The department imparts skills to future foreign language teachers so that they may similarly enable high school students to begin the acquisition of foreign languages.

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## Why Should I Consider This Major?

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages provides students the skills to learn firsthand about major world societies. The department believes that the best way to understand a culture directly is through its language. The modern languages offered in the department are spoken natively by nearly two billion people. The multifaceted programs of the department provide an opening to the world through language, literature, culture and civilization. It is a meeting place for true diversity.

### Sample Careers:

Interpreter  
Foreign Correspondent  
Foreign Service Officer  
FBI Agent  
Educator  
Foreign Diplomat  
Travel Writer  
All careers involving communication

## How to Declare:

Obtain a major declaration card from the departmental office advisor (HU230).

Schedule an appointment to see the language section advisor. Be sure to bring the major declaration card and your transcript(s) to this meeting. The advisor will evaluate your transcript(s), will fill out and discuss with you the "Major Checklist" and will initial your major declaration card.

Bring your "major declaration" card to the department office, HU230, for the department chair's signature, allowing two days (more during breaks); then take the major declaration card to the Registrar's Office, OM230, for processing.

## Mid-Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's of Arts degree in German within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

### Coursework:

Complete the second-year sequence (i.e., 201, 202, and 203).

### Other Activities:

Discuss national and international study abroad opportunities with the International Programs and Exchanges Office.



# German Major Requirements: 55 Credits

55 credits above the 100 level; GPA of 2.50 or above in major; maximum of 15 credits at the 200-level; GERM 425 is not applicable to the major.

GERM 301 Grammar Review and Composition (4)

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GERM 314 Phonetics (4)

GERM 331 Civilization of Germany through the 19<sup>th</sup> Century (4)

Or GERM 332 German Civilization Today (4)

GERM 340 Introduction to German Literature (4)

GERM 341 19<sup>th</sup> Century German Literature (4)

Or GERM 343 18<sup>th</sup> Century German Literature (4)

GERM 401 Advanced Grammar (4) (must be taken on campus)

GERM 402 Advanced Grammar and Composition (4) (must be taken on campus)

GERM 450 Studies in German Literature (4)

*Electives to meet the minimum credits for the major*

## *Other German Options:*

B.A. Ed. in German—Elementary (45 credits plus 107 credits for the Elementary Education Professional Program)

German Endorsement for Secondary Education

Minor in German (24 credits minimum)

**These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements.**

**BCOM:** GERM 103,104, 201

**HUM:** GERM 200 level or above

**WP:** Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.