German, Minor

Requirements

The undergraduate minor in German requires a minimum of 15 s.h. in college-level German courses, including at least 12 s.h. in courses taken at the University of Iowa. All Department of German courses numbered 3000 or above count toward the minor; however, courses taught in English that are taken for 3 s.h. do not count toward the minor in German (e.g. GRMN:2248 The Invention of Writing: From Cuneiform to Computers, GRMN:4800 Seminar in Comparative Literature, and so on). Courses numbered at the 1000 level do not count toward the minor. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the minor and in all UI courses for the minor. Coursework in the minor may not be taken pass/nonpass.

Students may count one Department of German course taught in English and numbered 2500-2999 toward the minor by registering for 4 s.h. of credit for the course instead of 3 s.h.; the additional 1 s.h. of credit reflects an added research component. See "German in Translation Courses" below. View 3000-level course selections (prefix GRMN) under Courses in this section of the Catalog.

The minor may include a maximum of 3 s.h. in Department of German courses numbered 2002-2100 (e.g., GRMN:2002 Intermediate German II). The German Language and Culture Advanced Placement (AP) exam with a score of 4 or higher is considered to be the equivalent to GRMN:2002.

Students must include 9 s.h. in Department of German courses (prefix GRMN) numbered 3000 or above.

With the approval of the departmental director of undergraduate studies, students also may apply one course from the University of Iowa Honors Program to the requirements of the minor when that course concerns German culture or language.

With the approval of the director of undergraduate studies, students may count up to 6 s.h. earned in study abroad toward the minor.

German in Translation Courses

Students may use one of the following courses toward the minor (some also may apply toward GE CLAS Core requirements):

- GRMN:2550 Mardi Gras and More: Cultures of Carnival 4
- GRMN:2618 The Third Reich and Literature 4
- GRMN:2620 Anne Frank and Her Story 4
- GRMN:2630 German Cinema: Greatest Hits 4
- GRMN:2650 German Nationalism After WWII 4
- GRMN:2655 Muslim Minorities in the West 4
- GRMN:2660 Magic Mirrors, Self-Discovery, and Murder: Gender Trouble in German Literature 4
- GRMN:2666 Pact with the Devil 4

GRMN:2675 The Politics of Memory: Holocaust, Genocide, and 9/11 4
GRMN:2720 Germany in the World 4
GRMN:2770 Norse Mythology: Gods, Heroes, and Monsters of Northern Europe 4
GRMN:2785 Cyborgs, Monsters, and the Uncanny 4

Study Abroad

There are a number of opportunities for study in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.

The Department of German participates in an academic year abroad program for undergraduate students at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg, in Germany. The Freiburg program is offered by a consortium made up of the University of Iowa, Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Students arrive during the first week of September and participate in a four-week intensive language program. Then they take a blend of special program classes and regular German university courses. Organized field trips are designed to give students a broader perspective on German culture. Vacation periods permit extensive travel throughout Europe, and students are encouraged to use weekends for shorter trips in the region.

To apply, students must have reached at least sophomore standing by the beginning of the program, completed at least the first four semesters of college German or the equivalent with a g.p.a. of at least 3.00 in German, and be in good academic standing at a U.S. college or university.

Students earn resident credit in all courses successfully completed in the program. Some credit will count toward the minor; students should consult a German advisor.

For more information about study abroad opportunities, contact the Department of German or International Programs Study Abroad.

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

German, Minor

Course Title Hours

Academic Career

Any Semester

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Courses numbered at the 1000 level do not count toward the German minor.

With the approval of the departmental director of undergraduate studies, students may apply one course from the University of Iowa Honors program to the requirements of the minor when that course concerns German culture or language.

Study Abroad: with the approval of the director of undergraduate studies, students may count up to 6 s.h. earned in study abroad toward the minor.

Students must maintain a GPA of at least 2.00 in all courses for the minor and in all UI courses for the minor.

Course work in the minor may not be taken pass/nonpass.

Students may count one Department of German course taught in English and numbered 2500-2999 toward the minor by registering for 4 s.h. of credit for the course instead of 3 s.h.; the additional 1 s.h. of credit reflects an added research component.  

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a Students may choose a German in translation course from: GRMN:2550, GRMN:2618, GRMN:2620, GRMN:2630, GRMN:2650, GRMN:2655, GRMN:2660, GRMN:2666, GRMN:2675, GRMN:2720, GRMN:2770, GRMN:2785. Some of these courses also may apply toward GE CLAS Core requirements.

b Language level placement will be determined by placement exam score and/or oral interview. Students who place into the 5th semester level of the language will begin coursework at that level and will not be required to take semesters 1-4 of the language.

c This course is a prerequisite for the required minor courses.

d The minor may include a maximum of 3 s.h. in Department of German courses numbered 2002-2100 (e.g. GRMN:2002). The German Language and Culture Advanced Placement (AP) exam with a score of 4 or higher is considered to be equivalent to GRMN:2002.