German, B.A.

The department offers a comprehensive undergraduate program of study in German with emphases in the culture, literature, and language of Germany, Austria, and German-speaking Switzerland. It prepares students to use German that displays intercultural competency in fields as diverse as international business, teaching, engineering, medicine, music, museum studies, and linguistic or literary study.

Learning Outcomes

The B.A. in German is directed toward graduates' ability to converse effectively in German; to write coherent short texts; to interpret literary, cultural, and linguistic phenomena; and to exhibit an understanding of alternate cultural perspectives.

- Interpersonal Speaking: Capacity to engage effectively in conversations in German on a range of topics, recount events and personal experiences, and produce explanations and descriptions (Intermediate High on the ACTFL scale).
- Writing: Capacity to produce a cohesive piece of writing in German, such as an essay, a paper, or a narrative.
- Interpretation and Analysis: Capacity to critically interpret and analyze literary texts and other cultural artifacts written in German using appropriate sources to support their arguments.
- Cultural Understanding: Capacity to demonstrate understanding of alternative cultural perspectives acquired through coursework, study abroad, and other cross-cultural experiences.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in German requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 30 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core. Students who plan to earn licensure to teach in elementary and/or secondary schools should see "Teacher Licensure" below.

A maximum of 15 s.h. of approved transfer credit may be counted toward the major, including study abroad coursework. However, students may count up to 21 s.h. earned from the Academic Year in Freiburg program toward the major in German.

Students who begin a German major with no previous German language experience must complete the following courses or their equivalents.

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This requirement also may be satisfied by various combinations of GRMN:1010 First-Year German Review, GRMN:1020 Intensive Elementary German, and GRMN:2020 Intensive Intermediate German.

The 30 s.h. required for the major must include at least five German courses numbered 3000 or above taken at the University of Iowa. Students should note that GRMN:3501 German Writers Engaged (or the equivalent) is prerequisite for some other German literature courses.

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Electives

Four electives chosen from Department of German courses (prefix GRMN), with at least two numbered 3000-4999

Students may count a maximum of two Department of German courses taught in English numbered 2500-2999 toward the major by registering for 4 s.h. of credit for
each course instead of 3 s.h.; the additional 1 s.h. of credit reflects an added research component. See “German in Translation Courses” below. Courses taught in English that are taken for 3 s.h. do not count toward the major 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 major.

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 major when that course concerns German culture or language.

German majors are urged to supplement their degree programs with relevant courses in areas such as German history, philosophy, and business.

**German Studies in Translation Courses**

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**Study Abroad**

The University of Iowa offers a number of opportunities for study in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. Students frequently choose to participate in the summer USAC Lüneburg program, the Dortmund University Exchange, or the Academic Year in Freiburg program at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg. Students should consult the Office of Study Abroad and the German undergraduate advisor to select a program that fits their interests.

For German majors, the year-long Freiburg program provides the most comprehensive linguistic and professional preparation for a future career involving German. The Academic Year in 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, have 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. They may count up to 21 s.h. earned at Freiburg toward the major.

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

**Teacher Licensure**

Students interested in teaching in elementary and/or secondary schools should seek admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the College of Education.

To qualify for licensure in secondary teaching, students in the TEP complete a degree in education as well as a related College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree. See Teacher Education Program Application and Admission on the College of Education website for details on requirements and deadlines for applying to the College of Education and about TEP choices of majors leading to licensure.

**Combined Programs**

**B.A./M.A.**

The combined B.A./M.A. in German is appropriate for students who enter the University from high school with advanced German language preparation. It is attractive to highly motivated students who plan to study abroad and who plan to pursue a Ph.D. in German or second language acquisition. It may serve as preparation for other programs, such as those related to international studies, library science, business with an international focus, or international relations. Students seeking careers in teaching or other fields may pursue the combined degree as a credential.

Combined program students must fulfill all requirements for the B.A. They ordinarily spend two semesters in their junior year enrolled in the study abroad program at the University of Freiburg in Germany (see "Study Abroad" under Requirements [p. 1] in this section of the Catalog), unless they have satisfied this requirement another way (e.g., a year abroad during high school or another study abroad program with similar content).

During the last two semesters of their senior year, they may take up to 12 s.h. of graduate-level coursework that counts toward both degrees (6 s.h. toward required courses and 6 s.h. toward electives) and they can take graduate-level German courses while they are still undergraduates. Once they complete all B.A. requirements, they complete the
remaining M.A. requirements. Students may complete both degrees in five years.

Students must maintain an undergraduate German g.p.a. of at least 3.50; if they fail to meet this standard for more than one semester, they may be required to leave the program. They must have an overall undergraduate g.p.a. of at least 3.00 when they achieve graduate standing.

Students pay undergraduate tuition and fees during their first semester in the combined program (normally their seventh semester); beginning with their second semester in the combined program (normally their eighth semester), they begin paying graduate tuition and fees. Students may hold a graduate appointment beginning with their second semester in the combined program.

Applicant Requirements
Applicants to the combined program must:

• be University of Iowa undergraduate students;
• be admitted before the beginning of their seventh semester (senior year);
• have completed 80 s.h. or be in the process of completing at least 90 s.h. of undergraduate work;
• have completed, or be in the process of completing, at least 21 s.h. of courses in the German major numbered 3000 or above;
• have a g.p.a. of at least 3.50 at the time of application (or have a letter from a Department of German faculty member recommending an exception); and
• have completed, or be in the process of completing at the time of application, a study abroad program in a German-speaking country or have satisfied this requirement in another way.

Honors

Honors in the Major
Exceptional students have the opportunity to pursue honors study in the major and to graduate with honors in the major. Students must have completed three years of college-level German, or the equivalent, with a g.p.a. of at least 3.50 in upper-level German courses. They also must maintain a minimum University of Iowa cumulative g.p.a. of 3.33.

Students must register for GRMN:4990 Honors Research and must meet regularly with their faculty director of studies. They are expected to engage in readings and discussions in German linguistics, literature, or culture and to write essays in German and English. Honors courses are subject to the same limits on courses taught in English as are Department of German courses; students should consult the faculty director of undergraduate studies.

Students also must complete honors research and write an honors thesis, registering for GRMN:4991 Honors Thesis. They complete their honors requirements by presenting their honors thesis to a faculty committee of at least three members. The courses, GRMN:4990 and GRMN:4991, will count toward the 30 s.h. for the major.

If students complete 6 s.h. in elective coursework as honors contract research in university-level courses taught in German during their study abroad work, that work may be considered equivalent to GRMN:4990 Honors Research; students should consult the faculty director of undergraduate studies.

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University’s honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the German major.

Career Advancement

Completion of a German major ensures that students enter their professional lives as informed global citizens with a strong skill set in cross-cultural literacy. German is spoken by an estimated 126 million people, giving it the largest number of native speakers in the European Union. Germany has the third largest economy across the globe and was until recently the largest export nation in the world.

German majors also gain a greater appreciation of Iowa history by studying German immigration to the state. Coursework builds strong reading, communication, and teamwork skills, which are sought by many employers. Graduates in this area of study frequently enter the teaching profession. They also find positions in government, foreign service, and commercial enterprises.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University’s Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Before the third semester begins: language competency equal to first-year German
Before the fifth semester begins: language competency equal to second-year German
Before the seventh semester begins: four courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree
Before the eighth semester: two or three additional courses in the major
During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate

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.

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a GRMN:1001, GRMN:1002, GRMN:2001, and GRMN:2002 do not count for credit toward the major. 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 major level coursework and not be required to take semesters 1-4 of the language.

b Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.

c Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.

d GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.

e Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.

f GRMN:3103 and GRMN:3104 can be taken in any order.

g German elective courses can be taken from prefix GRMN numbered 2500-4999. Up to two courses taught in English for 4 s.h. of credit may be taken for credit towards the major.

h Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor. For more information visit http:// commencement.uiowa.edu/. If applicable search for “Early and Late Participation” to find this page (e.g. participate in graduation ceremony in May, degree conferred in August).