

German, B.A.

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 alternative 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.

The German Language and Culture Advanced Placement (AP) exam with a score of 4 or higher is considered to be the equivalent to one of the 3000-level electives.

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.

Code	Title	Hours
GRMN:1001	Elementary German I	4
GRMN:1002	Elementary German II	4
GRMN:2001	Intermediate German I	4
GRMN:2002	Intermediate German II	4

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.

The B.A. with a major in German requires the following coursework.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		6
Linguistics Course		3
Literature Course		3
Culture Course		3
Capstone Course		3
Electives		12
Total Hours		30

Core Courses

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

Code	Title	Hours
Two of these:		
GRMN:3103	Composition and Conversation I	3
GRMN:3104	Composition and Conversation II	3
GRMN:3845	The Structure of German	3

Linguistics Course

Code	Title	Hours
One of these:		
GRMN:3855	The Sounds of German	3
GRMN:3860	German Language and Society	3
GRMN:3865	History of the German Language	3

Literature Course

Code	Title	Hours
This course:		
GRMN:3501	German Writers Engaged	3

Culture Course

Code	Title	Hours
One of these:		
GRMN:3405	German Cultural History	3
GRMN:4315	German Society Today	3

Capstone Course

Code	Title	Hours
This course:		
GRMN:4850	Senior Seminar	3

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Four electives chosen from Department of German courses (prefix GRMN), with at least two numbered 3000-4999; required honors in the major courses count as elective coursework		12

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

Code	Title	Hours
Students may use two of the following courses toward the major (some also may apply toward GE CLAS Core requirements):		
GRMN:2550	Mardi Gras and More: Cultures of Carnival	4
GRMN:2600	Witch Hunts in Fact and Fiction: A Global History of Exclusion	4
GRMN:2618	Film and Literature of the Holocaust	4
GRMN:2620	Anne Frank and Her Story	4
GRMN:2630	German Cinema: Greatest Hits	4
GRMN:2650	German Nationalism from Enlightenment to Present	4
GRMN:2655	Muslim Minorities in the West	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

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 Apply 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. in German

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. degree. 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

Students majoring in German have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. Students who choose to graduate with honors in German must satisfy these requirements:

- Maintain a cumulative University of Iowa g.p.a. of at least 3.33 and a g.p.a. of at least 3.50 in upper-level work for the major.
- Complete GRMN:4990 Honors Research or the equivalent, such as one course for the major (3 s.h.) as an honors contract course. For equivalent courses taken abroad, students should consult with the honors advisor or director of undergraduate studies in German.
- Complete GRMN:4991 Honors Thesis.
- Submit an acceptable honors thesis, and present and discuss their research findings in a defense meeting with their faculty mentor and two additional UI faculty members.

The courses, GRMN:4990 and GRMN:4991, will count toward the 30 s.h. for the major. Students are encouraged to participate in the Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates (ICRU) and apply for research scholarships.

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

Students majoring in German may combine their studies with courses in education to prepare for positions in high school teaching and administration. Many combine other skills and studies with their major in German to prepare for careers in business, travel, communications, foreign service, and other fields where the knowledge of languages is essential.

German graduates go on to earn graduate and professional degrees in German, English as a second language, history, library science, medicine, law, sustainable agriculture, industries with strong connections to German-speaking countries, and organizations such as the Goethe Institutes in the United States.

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.

Coursework builds strong reading, communication, and teamwork skills which are sought by many employers.

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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Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
GRMN:1001	Elementary German I ^{a, b, c}	4
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion ^d		3
Elective course ^e		2
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
Hours		14-15

Spring		
GRMN:1002	Elementary German II ^{a, b, c}	4
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^d		3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^d		3
Elective course ^e		2
Hours		15-16

Second Year		
Fall		
GRMN:2001	Intermediate German I ^{a, b, c}	4
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^d		3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^d		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		2
Hours		15

Spring		
GRMN:2002	Intermediate German II ^{a, b, c}	4
Elective course ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^d		4
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^d		3
Elective course ^e		1
Hours		15

Third Year		
Fall		
GRMN:3103 or GRMN:3845 or GRMN:3104	Composition and Conversation I ^f or The Structure of German or Composition and Conversation II	3
GRMN:3501	German Writers Engaged	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^d		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		15

Spring		
GRMN:3104 or GRMN:3103 or GRMN:3845	Composition and Conversation II ^f or Composition and Conversation I or The Structure of German	3

GRMN:3865 or GRMN:3860 or GRMN:3855	History of the German Language or German Language and Society or The Sounds of German	3
GRMN:3405 or GRMN:4315	German Cultural History or German Society Today	3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		15

Fourth Year		
Fall		
GRMN:4850	Senior Seminar	3
Major: German elective course numbered 2500 or above ^g		3
Major: German elective course numbered 2500 or above ^g		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		15

Spring		
Major: German elective course numbered 2500 or above ^g		3
Major: German elective course numbered 2500 or above ^g		3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences ^d		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)		
Hours		15
Total Hours		119-121

- 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 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.
- c Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
- 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 or Graduation Services.