German, BA

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

Any Semester  GE CLAS Core: Sustainability  a  

First Year  

Fall  

GRMN:1001  Elementary German I  b, c  4  

RHET:1030  Rhetoric  or ENGL:1200  or The Interpretation of Literature  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  b, c  4  

RHET:1030  Rhetoric  or ENGL:1200  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  b, c  4  

GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts  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  b, c  4  

GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues  d  3  

GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab  d  4  

Elective course  e  3  

Elective course  e  1  

Hours  15  

Third Year  

Fall  

GRMN:3501  German Writers Engaged  3  

Major: core German course  f  3  

GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab  d  3  

Elective course  e  3  

Elective course  e  3  

Hours  15  

Spring  

GRMN:3405  or GRMN:4315  German Cultural History  or German Society Today  3  

GRMN:3855  or GRMN:3860  The Sounds of German  or German Language and Society  3  

Major: core German course  f  3  

Elective course  e  3  

Elective course  e  3  

Hours  15  

Fourth Year  

Fall  

Major: core German course  f  3  

Major: German elective course  g  3  

Major: approved German literature/film course numbered 3XXX or 4XXX  h  3  

Elective course  e  3  

Elective course  e  3  

Hours  15  

Spring  

Major: German elective course  g  3  

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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)  i  

Hours  15  

Total Hours  119-121

a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.

b 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.

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 Students must complete three courses from the following: GRMN:3103, GRMN:3104, GRMN:3214, GRMN:3845. GRMN:3103 and GRMN:3104 can be taken in any order.

g Students must complete at least 9 s.h. total from courses taught in German (prefix GRMN) numbered 3000-4999; this may include GRMN:4900 when taken for 3 s.h. Students may count toward the major a maximum of two Department of German courses taught in English numbered 2500-2999 by registering for the 4 s.h. option; the additional 1 s.h. of credit reflects an added research component. GRMN courses taught in English that are taken for 3 s.h. do not count toward the major in German. Electives may include approved honors coursework, including GRMN:4990 and GRMN:4991.

h See General Catalog or consult advisor for approved courses.

i 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.