German, B.A.

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 Composition and Conversation I f or The Structure of German or Composition and Conversation II f or The Structure of German 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 f 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

Hours 15

Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

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.