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
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 must complete at least 21 s.h. of courses taught in German, with the remaining 9 s.h. fulfilled by courses taught in either German or English.

GE CLAS Core: Sustainability

First Year

Fall
GRMN:1001 Elementary German I 4
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion 3
CSI:1600 Success at Iowa 2
Elective course 3

Spring
GRMN:1002 Elementary German II 4
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture 3
Elective course 2

Second Year

Fall
GRMN:2001 Intermediate German 4
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts 3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 2

Hours 15

Spring
GRMN:2002 Intermediate German II 4
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab 4
Elective course 3
Elective course 1

Hours 15

Third Year

Fall
GRMN:3501 German Writers Engaged 3
Major: German elective course (if needed) 3
Major: language core course 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab 3
Elective course 3

Hours 15

Spring
GRMN:3855 or GRMN:3860 The Sounds of German or German Language and Society 3
Major: German elective course (if needed) 3
Major: language core course 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3

Hours 15

Fourth Year

Fall
GRMN:3236 or GRMN:3010 or GRMN:3850 German Film or Stories in German or Twentieth- and Twenty-first-Century German Children's Literature 3
Major: German elective course (taught in German) 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3

Hours 15

Spring
Major: German elective course (taught in German) 3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3

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

Hours 15

Total Hours 120-122
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. Students who have completed four levels of a single language or two levels of two different languages in high school or college have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Students who have completed three levels of a single language may complete a fourth-level course in the same language or may choose an approved World Language and Cultural Exploration course. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course. Contact your academic advisor or CLAS Undergraduate Programs Office with questions concerning the World Languages requirement.

c. To satisfy both the GE CLAS Core Diversity and Inclusion requirement and part of the 12 s.h. elective requirement for the major, students may opt to take one of the following GRMN courses that are taught in English: GRMN:2600, GRMN:2620, GRMN:2675.

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. To satisfy both the GE CLAS Core Values and Culture requirement and part of the 12 s.h. elective requirement for the major, students may opt to take GRMN:2618.

g. The major may include up to 6 s.h. total from the courses GRMN:2001 Intermediate German I or GRMN:2002 Intermediate German II, or from equivalent transfer, Furthering Language Incentive Program (FLIP), or Advanced Placement (AP) credit.

h. To satisfy both the GE CLAS Core Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts requirement and part of the 12 s.h. elective requirement for the major, students may opt to take one of the following GRMN courses that are taught in English: GRMN:2630, GRMN:2666, GRMN:2785.

i. To satisfy both the GE CLAS Core International and Global Issues requirement and part of the 12 s.h. elective requirement for the major, students may opt to take GRMN:2720.

j. Students must take four electives (12 s.h.) of additional German courses (prefix GRMN). Students may apply up to 9 s.h. of German courses (prefix GRMN) taught in English towards the major, selected from courses numbered 1501-1999 and 2500-2999. Either GRMN:4900 or GRMN:4920 may be applied toward the major, but not both. For students pursuing a German major with honors, GRMN:4990 and GRMN:4991 will both count as electives toward the major.

k. 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.

l. GRMN:3010 is typically offered in spring semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.

m. 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 Degree Services.