German, B.A.

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. ] 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.