

German, BA

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 grade-point average (GPA) 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. 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. The course GRMN:2002 Intermediate German II (or the equivalent) is a prerequisite for all 3000- and 4000-level courses.

Course #	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 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 a prerequisite for some other German literature courses.

The BA with a major in German requires the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Core Courses	9
Linguistics Course	3
Literature/Film Courses	6
Culture Course	3
Electives	9

Core Courses

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

Course #	Title	Hours
Three of these:		
GRMN:3103	Composition and Conversation I	3
GRMN:3104	Composition and Conversation II	3
GRMN:3214	Business German	3
GRMN:3845	The Structure of German	3

Linguistics Course

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
GRMN:3855	The Sounds of German	3
GRMN:3860	German Language and Society	3

Literature/Film Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
This course:		
GRMN:3501	German Writers Engaged	3
One of these:		
GRMN:3010	Stories in German	3
GRMN:3236	German Film	3
GRMN:3850	Twentieth- and Twenty-first-Century German Children's Literature	3
GRMN:4540	Literature in Film	3
GRMN:4730	Beautiful Souls and Scandalous Writing	3

Culture Course

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

Electives

Course #	Title	Hours
Three electives (prefix GRMN; with language of instruction in German) numbered 3000-4999		
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Independent Study (GRMN:4900) may be applied toward the major when taken for 3 s.h. Only one independent study course may be applied toward the major.

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 "Four Semester Hour Courses Taught in English" below.

Courses taught in English that are taken for 3 s.h. do not count toward the major in German. In addition, courses numbered at the 1000 level do not count toward the major.

Four Semester Hour Courses Taught in English

A maximum of two courses (4 s.h. each) may count toward the major.

Course #	Title	Hours
Students may use two of the following courses toward the major (some 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: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:2750	The Work of Franz Kafka: Adventures in Language and Imagination	4
GRMN:2785	Cyborgs, Monsters, and the Uncanny	4
GRMN:2949	Accountability, War Crimes, and Justice	4

Three Semester Hour Courses Taught in English

These courses do not count toward the major.

Course #	Title	Hours
GRMN:1200	Disabilities and Inclusion in Writing and Film Around the World	3
GRMN:2248	The Invention of Writing: From Cuneiform to Computers	3
GRMN:2275	Scandinavian Crime Fiction	3
GRMN:4800	Seminar in Comparative Literature	3

German majors are urged to supplement their degree programs with relevant courses in areas such as German history, philosophy, and business.

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 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 GPA 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.