

# German, B.A.

## 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 g.p.a. 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. However, 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.

Code	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, GRMN:1020 Intensive Elementary German, 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 prerequisite for some other German literature courses.

The B.A. with a major in German requires the following coursework.

Code	Title	Hours
	Core Courses	6
	Linguistics Course	3
	Literature Course	3
	Culture Course	3
	Capstone Course	3
	Electives	12
	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>30</b>

## Core Courses

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

Code	Title	Hours
Two of these:		
GRMN:3103	Composition and Conversation I	3

GRMN:3104	Composition and Conversation II	3
GRMN:3845	The Structure of German	3

## Linguistics Course

Code	Title	Hours
One of these:		
GRMN:3855	The Sounds of German	3
GRMN:3860	German Language and Society	3
GRMN:3865	History of the German Language	3

## Literature Course

Code	Title	Hours
This course:		
GRMN:3501	German Writers Engaged	3

## Culture Course

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

## Capstone Course

Code	Title	Hours
This course:		
GRMN:4850	Senior Seminar	3

## Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Four electives chosen from Department of German courses (prefix GRMN), with at least two numbered 3000-4999; required honors in the major courses count as elective coursework		12

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 "German in Translation Courses" below. Courses taught in English that are taken for 3 s.h. do not count toward the major in German (e.g., GRMN:2248 The Invention of Writing: From Cuneiform to Computers, GRMN:4800 Seminar in Comparative Literature, and so on). Courses numbered at the 1000 level do not count toward the major.

With the approval of the departmental director of undergraduate studies, students also may apply one course from the University of Iowa Honors Program to the requirements of the major when that course concerns German culture or language.

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

## German Studies in Translation Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Students may use two of the following courses toward the major (some also 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:2650	German Nationalism from Enlightenment to Present	4
GRMN:2655	Muslim Minorities in the West	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:2770	Norse Mythology: Gods, Heroes, and Monsters of Northern Europe	4
GRMN:2785	Cyborgs, Monsters, and the Uncanny	4

## 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 the Office of 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 g.p.a. 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.