German, MA

Requirements

The Master of Arts program in German is in the process of closing and is no longer accepting new majors. The closure of the program is pending approval by the Board of Regents, State of Iowa.

The Master of Arts program in German requires a minimum of 33 s.h. of graduate credit. It is offered with or without thesis. Students must maintain a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.00.

MA students choose one of two concentrations: German literature or Germanic linguistics. The German literature concentration requires seven literature courses (21 s.h.) and four linguistics courses (12 s.h.). The Germanic linguistics concentration requires seven linguistics courses (21 s.h.) and four literature courses (12 s.h.).

MA students are expected to complete at least 24 s.h. in the Department of German. All MA coursework taken outside the department requires the graduate advisor’s approval.

Before taking the MA exam, students must demonstrate reading knowledge of an additional language other than German, at a level equivalent to two years of college study or four years of high school study. Students may demonstrate competence by submitting proof that they have taken the required coursework with a GPA of at least 3.00 or by passing an exam at the fourth-semester college level, as determined by the appropriate language department.

Admission

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website.

Financial Support

Teaching assistantships, research assistantships, and partial tuition scholarships are available for qualified graduate students. The department awards the Wilson and the Funke prizes to students of distinction.

Career Advancement

Graduates in this area of study frequently enter the teaching profession. They also find positions in government, foreign service, and commercial enterprises.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.