GERMAN STUDIES (GERS)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Arts and Humanities

Abstract
The German Program of the Department of German Studies offers
graduate study leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. The main focus
is on Modern German Studies combining both discipline-based and
interdisciplinary courses. The intellectual focus of the degrees is German-
speaking Europe from the Enlightenment to the present, as represented in
literary and non-literary texts, and other cultural productivity.

The degrees reflect the paradigm shift within the field of German
language and literature expanding the focus of Germanistik to a broader
concentration on cultural studies which include gender studies, film
studies, environmental humanities, and postcolonial theory.

Financial Assistance
The German Program offers graduate fellowships and teaching
assistantships, and the Graduate School offers, on a competitive basis,
fellowships, and grants.

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Courses: GER (https://umd-curr.courseleaf.com/graduate/courses/germ)/S

ADMISSIONS

General Requirements
• Statement of Purpose
• Transcript(s)
• TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (https://
  gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-
  requirements/))

Program-Specific Requirements
• Letters of Recommendation (3)
• CV/Resume
• Writing Sample (one required, one more optional)
• Description of Research/Work Experience (optional)
• Portfolio PDF Upload (optional)

Application Deadlines

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RESOURCES AND LINKS:
Program Website: http://www.sllc.umd.edu
Application Process: gradschool.umd.edu/admissions (https://
gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/)

REQUIREMENTS
• German Studies, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (https://
  academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/german-literature-
  language-gers/german-literature-language-phd/)
• German Studies, Master of Arts (M.A.) (https://
  academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/german-literature-
  language-gers/german-literature-language-ma/)

FACILITIES AND SPECIAL
RESOURCES
In addition to its course offerings listed below, the German Program
of the Department of German Studies sponsors the German Club, the
University of Maryland Chapter of Delta Phi Alpha (the national German
language honors society). The department participates in the University
Honors Programs and has a departmental honors program. Distinguished
scholars and lecturers as well as visiting professors visit the metropolitan
area and campus regularly. College Park’s proximity to Washington, D.C.,
facilitates participation in the many cultural functions of the capital with
its wealth of social groups and national societies related to the German-
speaking world: the Embassies of Austria, Germany, and Switzerland; the
German Historical Institute, and the Goethe Institute.