GERMAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (GERS)

Graduate Degree Program  
College: Arts and Humanities

Abstract

The German Program of the Department of Germanic 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, and postcolonial theory.

A concentration in Medieval Studies is also offered on an interdepartmental basis.

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: GERM (https://umd-curr.courseleaf.com/graduate/courses/germ)

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

Application Deadlines

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Other Deadlines: Please visit the program website at http://www.sllc.umd.edu

Requirements

• German Language and Literature, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/german-literature-language-gers/german-literature-language-phd)
• German Language and Literature, 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 Germanic 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 German and Scandinavian social groups and national societies: the Embassies of Austria, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland; the German Historical Institute, and the Goethe Institute.