GERMAN STUDIES MAJOR

School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (SLLC)
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The 36-credit BA in German Studies is centered on the study of the German language as well as the literatures and cultures of Germanic peoples. Students who complete the requirements for the major can expect to be able to speak, read, write, and understand German at a level that would allow them to communicate with native speakers. Additionally, students will be able to recognize and interpret the diverse cultural perspectives and products of the German-speaking world, in order to be culturally sensitive members of society.

Placement in Courses
For information about the Foreign Language Placement Assessment, go to: arhu.umd.edu/undergraduate/flpa (http://arhu.umd.edu/undergraduate/flpa/).

Program Learning Outcomes
1. Students will be able to communicate effectively in writing in German by demonstrating accuracy in use of grammatical structures, using appropriate linguistic register, formulating persuasive arguments supported with appropriate textual evidence and incorporating secondary literature.
2. Students will be able to critically interpret written texts in a variety of genres (literature, realia, correspondence, newspaper and magazine articles, poems, dramas, etc.) and demonstrate knowledge of literary concepts.
3. Students will be able to communicate effectively in spoken German, demonstrating accuracy in use of grammatical structures, using appropriate linguistic register, and demonstrating a fluency in speaking that includes pronunciation that does not interfere with communication.
4. Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the institutions, values, and cultural products of Germany and/or the German-speaking world.

Requirements
Prerequisite: 8 credits: GERM103 and GERM203 or equivalent

Course          Title                                             Credits
College Requirements (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/#collegenrequirmentstext)

Core Language Sequence
GERM204          German Grammar Review                         3
GERM301          Conversation and Composition I: The German-Speaking World 3
GERM302          Conversation and Composition II: Current Topics in German-Speaking Society 3

Area Requirements 1
Select a minimum of 6 credits of the following language courses: 6
  GERM315          Practicum in Translation I
  GERM319          Selected Topics in German Language Studies
  GERM402          Advanced Conversation and Composition

GERM419          Selected Topics in German Language Studies
GERM473          Variation in Contemporary German Language
Select a minimum of 6 credits of the following literature courses: 6
  GERM320          Survey of German Studies
  GERM322          Highlights of German Literature and Culture
  GERM436          The Usual Suspects: Criminals in German Literature and Film
  GERM439          Selected Topics in German Literature
  GERM442          Gender and Sexuality in German Literature and Society
  GERM443          Literature as Cultural Discourse
  GERM444          The German-Jewish Experience
  GERM458          Literary or Media Genres
Select a minimum of 6 credits of the following culture courses: 6
  GERM255          Once Upon a Time: Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm 2
  GERM289          Selected Topics in the Cultures of the Germanic Speaking Countries
  GERM299          Special Topics in German Studies
  GERM305          The Great Derangement: Climate, Art, and Literature
  GERM383          The ‘Warrior’ in German Culture: From Valiant Knights to Brazen Terrorists
  GERM385          German Cinema
  GERM389          Topics in German Culture
  GERM399          Selected Topics in German Studies
  GERM411          Border Crossings and Cultural Transfers
  GERM449          Selected Topics in Germanic Studies
  GERM489          Social Issues in German Culture
Select three 3xx or 4xx level elective courses 9

Total Credits 36

1 A minimum of two 3xx or 4xx level courses in each of three areas: language, literature, and culture and 3 electives.
2 Taught in English

Students must earn a grade of "C-" or higher in each course applied toward a major or minor in the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. Additionally, an overall GPA of 2.0 in a major or minor is required for graduation.

Language of Instruction
No more than 9 credits of the 36 total required may be satisfied by courses taught in English. With the approval of the German Studies advisor, 6 of the 9 credits may be taken outside the department.

Four Year Plan
Click here (https://www.arhu.umd.edu/academics/advising/academic-plans/) for roadmaps for four-year plans in the College of Arts and Humanities.

Additional information on developing a four-year academic plan can be found on the following pages:
Opportunities

Internships

Internships (GERM386) are also encouraged (no more than 6 credits may be applied to the major). GERM386 may not replace the required 6 credits of 3xx or 4xx level courses in any of the three categories.

Study Abroad

For information on study abroad programs see the program advisor and/or the Education Abroad website globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad (https://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad/).