GERMAN STUDIES MAJOR

School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (SLLC)
http://sllc.umd.edu/german/

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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 German-speaking 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: 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: GERS103 and GERS203 or equivalent

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

Core Language Sequence
GERS204 German Grammar Review 3
GERS301 Conversation and Composition I: The German-Speaking World 3
GERS302 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
GERS315 Practicum in Translation I
GERS319 Selected Topics in German Language Studies
GERS402 Advanced Conversation and Composition

Select a minimum of 6 credits of the following literature courses: 6
GERS419 Selected Topics in German Language Studies
GERS473 Variation in Contemporary German Language

Select a minimum of 6 credits of the following culture courses: 6
GERS255 Once Upon a Time: Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm
GERS289 Selected Topics in the Cultures of the German-Speaking Countries
GERS299 Special Topics in German Studies
GERS367 The Great Derangement: Climate, Art, and Literature
GERS383 The 'Warrior' in German Culture: From Valiant Knights to Brazen Terrorists
GERS385 German Cinema
GERS389 Topics in German Culture
GERS399 Selected Topics in German Studies
GERS441 Border Crossings and Cultural Transfers
GERS449 Selected Topics in German Studies
GERS489 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:
• http://4yearplans.umd.edu
• the Student Academic Success-Degree Completion Policy (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/registration-academic-requirements-regulations/academic-advising/#success) section of this catalog

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**Internships**

Internships (GERS386) are also encouraged (no more than 6 credits may be applied to the major). GERS386 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 http://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad/.