

GERMAN STUDIES MAJOR

School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (SLLC)

<http://slc.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	

GERS419	Selected Topics in German Language Studies	
GERS473	Variation in Contemporary German Language	
Select a minimum of 6 credits of the following literature courses:		6
GERS320	Survey of German Studies	
GERS322	Highlights of German Literature and Culture	
GERS436	The Usual Suspects: Criminals in German Literature and Film	
GERS439	Selected Topics in German Literature	
GERS442	Gender and Sexuality in German Literature and Society	
GERS443	Literature as Cultural Discourse	
GERS444	The German-Jewish Experience	
GERS458	Literary or Media Genres	
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/>.