



Twin Cities Campus

Germanic Studies M.A.

German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2020
- Length of program in credits: 30
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Arts

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The Germanic Studies program in the Department of German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch (GNSD) is distinguished for its interdisciplinary approach to the study of literature and culture. The program equips students to be creative scholars and skillful teachers through research and teaching programs covering the literature and culture of German-speaking and Nordic countries. Students work closely with faculty dedicated to scholarly innovation, teaching excellence, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

The Germanic Studies program offers both MA and PhD degrees which are tailored to students individual needs and interdisciplinary interests. Students have the option to pursue a track in German (MA, PhD), Germanic Medieval Studies (MA, PhD) or Scandinavian Studies (MA) by completing a specified number of courses in one of those areas.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.50.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:

BA or equivalent in German, Scandinavian, or related field. Students are usually admitted to the PhD program, but the MA must be completed first. Applicants must have fluency in German or a Scandinavian language.

Special Application Requirements:

In addition to the University's application requirements, the department requires the following: a copy of one or more papers representative of the applicant's level of scholarly development (not to exceed 25 total pages); three letters of recommendation; the General (Aptitude) Test of the GRE (required for master's program applicants except those whose native language is not English). Students are admitted for fall semester only. All application materials may be uploaded into the online application and must be submitted by December 15.

For the online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of this website.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:

- GRE

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
 - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
 - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
 - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
 - Internet Based - Speaking Score: 27
 - Paper Based - Total Score: 550



- IELTS
 - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
 - Final score: 80

The preferred English language test is Test of English as Foreign Language

Key to [test abbreviations](#) (GRE, TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

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Program Requirements

Plan B: Plan B requires 24 major credits and 6 credits outside the major. The final exam is oral. A capstone project is required.

Capstone Project: The Plan B paper is usually a seminar paper from a specific course, improved and reworked in consultation with the advisor. For students completing the MA with a track, the Plan B must be focused on that selected track.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required for students to remain in good standing.

Courses offered on both the A/F and S/N grade basis must be taken A/F, with a minimum grade of C earned.

Students must demonstrate oral and written proficiency in German or one Scandinavian language.

Required Core (6 credits)

Take the following courses:

[GSD 5103](#) - Teaching of Germanic Languages (3.0 cr)

[GSD 8001](#) - Approaches to Textual Analysis (3.0 cr)

Outside Coursework (6 credits)

Select 6 credits outside the major in consultation with the advisor and the director of graduate studies. Directed Study, Directed Research, and Directed Readings courses may be applied to this requirement with advisor and director of graduate studies approval.

CSCL 5xxx

CSCL 8xxx

CSDS 5xxx

CSDS 8xxx

ENGL 5xxx

ENGL 8xxx

HIST 5xxx

HIST 8xxx

RUSS 5xxx

Germanic Studies -No Track

Electives for Germanic Studies - No Track (0 to 18 credits)

Students completing one of the tracks are exempt from this Electives requirement. Students completing the MA without a track select 18 credits from the following, in consultation with the advisor and director of graduate studies to complete the 30-credit minimum. GER 5011 cannot be applied to the Electives requirement.

DTCH 5xxx

FIN 5xxx

GER 5xxx

GER 8xxx

SCAN 5xxx

SCAN 8xxx

Program Sub-plans



A sub-plan is not required for this program.
Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

German

Electives (15 credits)

Select 15 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor and director of graduate studies. GER 5011 cannot be applied to this requirement.

GER 5xxx
GER 8xxx

Additional Elective (3 credits)

Select 3 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor and director of graduate studies. GER 5011 cannot be applied to this requirement.

DTCH 5xxx
FIN 5xxx
GER 5xxx
GER 8xxx
SCAN 5xxx
SCAN 8xxx

Germanic Medieval Studies

Electives (15 credits)

Select 15 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor and director of graduate studies.

ENGL 4612 - Old English I (3.0 cr)
ENGL 4613 - Old English II (3.0 cr)
GER 5711 - History of the German Language I (3.0 cr)
GER 5721 - Introduction to Middle High German (3.0 cr)
GER 5734 - Old Saxon (3.0 cr)
GER 5740 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
GER 8200 - Seminar in Medieval German Literature and Culture (3.0 cr)
GER 8210 - Seminar in Early Modern German Literature and Culture (3.0 cr)
SCAN 5502 - The Icelandic Saga (3.0 cr)
SCAN 5701 - Old Norse Language and Literature (3.0 cr)
SCAN 5703 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
SCAN 8500 - Seminar in Medieval Scandinavian Languages and Literature (3.0 cr)

Additional Elective (3 credits)

Select 3 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor and director of graduate studies. GER 5011 cannot be applied to this requirement.

DTCH 5xxx
FIN 5xxx
GER 5xxx
GER 8xxx
SCAN 5xxx
SCAN 8xxx

Scandinavian Studies

Electives (15 credits)

Select 15 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor and director of graduate studies.

FIN 5xxx
SCAN 5xxx
SCAN 8xxx

Additional Elective (3 credits)

Select 3 credits from the following in consultation with the advisor and director of graduate studies. GER 5011 cannot be applied to this requirement.

DTCH 5xxx
FIN 5xxx
GER 5xxx
GER 8xxx
SCAN 5xxx
SCAN 8xxx