Twin Cities Campus

Germanic Studies Ph.D.

German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Doctorate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2021
- Length of program in credits: 60
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

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 and allows students to tailor their programs to their 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.

MA or equivalent from another institution in German or a related field.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:
Students with a BA only are usually admitted to the PhD program, but the MA must be completed first.

Applicants must have fluency in German.

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(TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

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

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catalog website.

Program Requirements

24 credits are required in the major.
12 credits are required outside the major.
24 thesis credits are required.

This program may be completed with a minor.

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

Language Requirement: See requirements listed below.

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

All courses graded on both the A/F and S/N grade basis must be taken A/F, with a minimum grade of C for each.

Reading competence in two languages or a high degree of proficiency in one language other than English or German.

Two semesters of teaching experience are required.

Required Core (9 credits)

Take the following courses:
GSD 5103 - Teaching of Germanic Languages (3.0 cr)
GSD 8001 - Approaches to Textual Analysis (3.0 cr)
GSD 8801 - Dissertation Seminar (3.0 cr)

Outside Coursework (12 credits)

Select 12 credits outside the major in consultation with the advisor and 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. Up to 2 courses from the MA may be applied to this requirement.
CSCL 5xxx
CSCL 8xxx
CSDS 5xxx
CSDS 8xxx
ENGL 5xxx
ENGL 8xxx
HIST 5xxx
HIST 8xxx
RUSS 5xxx

Thesis Credits

Take 24 doctoral thesis credits.
GSD 8888 - Thesis Credit: Doctoral (1.0 - 24.0 cr)

Germanic Studies - No Emphasis

Electives (0 to 15 credits)

Students completing one of the tracks are exempt from this Electives requirement.

Students completing the PhD without a track select 15 credits from the following, in consultation with the advisor and director of graduate studies, to complete the minimum credit requirements. 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.

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Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

German

Electives (12 credits)

Select 12 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 (12 credits)

Select 12 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
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