



Duluth Campus

German Studies B.A.

World Languages & Cultures

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2016
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 27 to 48
- Study abroad will be strongly encouraged, to be determined by student interest and focus, throughout the German-speaking world. Our program will work to facilitate the achievement of University of Minnesota system-wide goals, which call for 50 percent of students to participate in a study abroad experience.
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

This program introduces and explores the culture of German-speaking countries, with an emphasis on both cultural history and contemporary issues. The political and social backgrounds of these cultures are seen through literature, the arts, history, and media. As global commerce and communication become the norm, German Studies provides a solid basis for careers from business to law, human services to diplomacy, STEM fields to the arts. Taught in German this program also offers a solid foundation in the language and the development of intercultural competencies. German majors are encouraged to declare a second major in a complementary field.

Honors requirements: Departmental honors will be granted to students according to the following process: Students who achieve a 3.30 GPA in upper division language courses at UMD will be invited by program faculty to submit a portfolio of excellent work done in the language for consideration by faculty in the program. The faculty then will decide if honors are to be awarded based on that portfolio.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

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

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

Required prerequisites

Introductory Requirement (1 cr)

Transfer students with 24 or more credits and current UMD students who change colleges to CLA are exempt from this requirement. New first-year students with 24 or more PSEO credits may request to be waived from this requirement.

[UST 1000](#) - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the [Liberal Education Program](#).
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

Program Requirements

1. A second field of study (either a minor or another major).
2. Three elective courses (12 credits) applicable to the major must be taken through UMD.
3. Study abroad is encouraged for all students and the department makes every effort to facilitate such experiences.
4. Oral proficiency exam.

Note: Students pursuing both the German studies BA and the teaching German BAA must satisfactorily complete 12 non-overlapping upper division credits of German electives over and above the requirements for the BAA to receive both degrees.

Core (0-20 cr)

Students may be exempted from part of the core requirements if they have previously completed studies in German. As a rule, students with 3 years of high school German enter the sequence at the intermediate German level and are exempt from GER 1101-1102. Students may potentially receive credit for GER 1201-1202 after a successful test-out procedure.

- GER 1101 - Beginning German I [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
- GER 1102 - Beginning German II [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
- GER 1201 - Intermediate German I [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
- GER 1202 - Intermediate German II [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
- GER 2301 *{Inactive}* [LE CAT3, LEIP CAT03, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

Upper Division Electives (23-24 cr)

Most GER 3xxx level or above courses apply here. To enroll in these courses a student must have earned a grade of C or better in 2301, or have instructor's permission. With adviser consent, some upper-division German courses may be transferred and/or taken abroad, but at least three courses (12 credits) must be taken through UMD.

Take 23 or more credit(s) from the following:

- FST 3040 - GER 3040, Culture of Germany (4.0 cr)
- GER 3302 - Advanced Composition and Conversation [COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
- GER 3401 - Texts and Contexts in German Speaking World [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- GER 3403 - Page and Stage: German Theater and Performance [FINE ARTS] (4.0 cr)
- GER 3591 - Independent Study (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- GER 3601 - German Studies I: Knights to Nationalisms [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- GER 3602 - German Studies II: From the Rise of the Reich to the Fall of the Wall [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- GER 4095 - Special Topics: (various titles to be assigned) (4.0 cr)
- GER 4302 - German Women Writers and Filmmakers [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- GER 4305 - German Cinema [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- GER 4404 - Contemporary Germany [HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- GER 4502 - German Modernisms: From Vienna to Berlin [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- GER 4591 - Independent Study (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

•Optional Elective

One of the following courses (taught in English) applies to the '23-24 elective credits'. With prior approval from an advisor, selected courses may be taken in another department or program if related to the major.

Take no more than 1 course(s) from the following:

- ARTH 3370 - Dreamworld and Catastrophe: Art and Visual Culture in the Cold War (3.0 cr)
- HIST 3243 - Europe in Crisis in the 20th Century (4.0 cr)
- LANG 2050 *{Inactive}* [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)
- LING 1811 - Introduction to Linguistics [LE CAT2, LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)
- POL 3517 - Western European Political Systems (4.0 cr)

Advanced Writing Requirement (3 cr)

WRIT 31xx - Adv Writing (3 cr)