

Morris Campus

German Studies Minor

Division of Humanities - Adm

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- Program Type: Undergraduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2020
- Required credits in this minor: 32

This is an interdisciplinary program housed in the Division of the Humanities. The program is administered by the German studies coordinator and the chair of the Division of the Humanities.

The German studies curriculum includes the language, literature, film, linguistics, history and culture of German-speaking countries and Germanic Languages. The courses are designed to enhance students' understanding of their own language and culture through introduction to another. Our courses expand students' ability to think by giving them a new tool with which to do so. The courses are carefully sequenced to incrementally increase student aptitude in the one skill upon which everything else they could possibly do or study relies: language. Expansion of thought in any field of study requires the acquisition of new language. Learning the German language provides students with direct access to the world's fourth largest economy as well as the sister economies of the other German speaking countries (Germany, Austria, Switzerland). Additionally students gain intimate knowledge of a linguistic tradition and culture that has produced innovation in almost every field of study pursued on campus, thereby benefiting students regardless of their main area of concentration.

Program Student Learning Outcomes - Learning an entirely new linguistic idiom increases ones' ability to think and neurological studies have shown that it actually grows brain cells. Our primary goal is to enable students to become culturally competent. We have constructed the curriculum to increase student confidence and social skills by capitalizing on their innate and extant ability to use language and demonstrating to them that they can acquire another language, while also providing an understanding of language itself that will enable them to acquire further languages. The intellectual and practical skills enable students to gain a deeper understanding of the roles of individuals in society as well as building upon their capacity for integrative learning. Our program aims to provide students with opportunities that will enable them to directly apply newly acquired linguistic abilities, cultural knowledge and social skills in their chosen area of study through study abroad, internships and professional exchanges.

Study Abroad

In light of today's increasingly interdependent world, the German faculty strongly encourages study abroad in combination with a German studies major or minor, as a most effective means by which to:

- improve language abilities
- broaden academic horizons
- globalize one's world view
- expand career opportunities

Study in Austria and Germany - The University is affiliated with exchange programs in Berlin and Freiburg for both one- and two-semester stays. There are also possibilities for study at many other German, Austrian, and Swiss universities. Language prerequisites vary for each program. Through the Academic Center for Enrichment, students may explore further opportunities.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

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

Minor Requirements

Students are required to take 2 semester(s) of German.

No grades below C- are allowed. Courses may not be taken S-N unless offered S-N only.

A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required in the minor to graduate. The GPA includes all, and only, University of Minnesota coursework. Grades of "F" are included in GPA calculation until they are replaced.

Required Courses

- [GER 2001](#) - Intermediate German I [IP] (4.0 cr)
- [GER 2002](#) - Intermediate German II [IP] (4.0 cr)
- [GER 3001](#) - Advanced German Grammar [IP] (4.0 cr)
- [GER 3101](#) - Introduction to German Literature and Culture [HUM] (4.0 cr)



or GER 3102 *{Inactive}*[HUM] (4.0 cr)
GER 4001 - Culture and Society [HIST] (4.0 cr)
or GER 4002 *{Inactive}*[HIST] (4.0 cr)
or GER 4101 *{Inactive}*[HIST] (4.0 cr)

Selection of Elective Courses

Other elective courses, not listed below, may be appropriate to add depth and provide more theoretical context for the German studies coursework (requires written approval of the course instructor and the program coordinator).

All or most of the elective credits should be upper division (3xxx or 4xxx) courses.

Elective Courses

Courses listed under the "German and Partial German Electives" heading that are outside of the German discipline (e.g., HIST 3209) require written approval of the course instructor and the program coordinator prior to registration.

Exclusive of those used for required courses.

Take 12 or more credit(s) from the following:

German and Partial German Electives

Take 4 or more credit(s) from the following:

- ARTH 3274 - Modern Art in Germany [FA] (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 3444 *{Inactive}*[IP] (4.0 cr)
- GER 3043 *{Inactive}*[HUM] (4.0 cr)
- GER 3101 - Introduction to German Literature and Culture [HUM] (4.0 cr)
- GER 3102 *{Inactive}*[HUM] (4.0 cr)
- GER 4001 - Culture and Society [HIST] (4.0 cr)
- GER 4002 *{Inactive}*[HIST] (4.0 cr)
- GER 4101 *{Inactive}*[HIST] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3204 - Nazi Germany [HIST] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 2152 - Modern Germany [HIST] (4.0 cr)
- HUM 3043 *{Inactive}*[HUM] (4.0 cr)

German-related Content Electives

Take at most 4 credit(s) from the following:

- ENGL 4004 - Research Seminar: Old English Literature and Language (4.0 cr)
- HIST 2132W - History of Fairy Tales and Folklore in Europe [HIST] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 2151 - Modern Europe [HIST] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3101 *{Inactive}*[HIST] (4.0 cr)
- PHIL 2117 - Existentialism [HIST] (4.0 cr)

Supplemental Electives

Take no more than 4 course(s) from the following:

- ARTH 3132 - Castles and Cathedrals [FA] (4.0 cr)
- ARTH 3201 - Nineteenth-Century Art in Europe [FA] (4.0 cr)
- ARTH 3211 - Modern European Art from Impressionism to Surrealism [FA] (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 3021 - Grammar and Language [HUM] (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 3411 - Critical Approaches to Literature (4.0 cr)
- HIST 2704 *{Inactive}*[SS] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 2708W - Gender, Women, and Sexuality in Modern Europe [IP] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3161 - The Enlightenment [HIST] (4.0 cr)