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 2020
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 27 to 44
- Study abroad is strongly encouraged. In-depth study of language and culture in a host country vastly improves language proficiency and intercultural competence.
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

This major 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.

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, another major or dual degree).
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.

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

First Term 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)

Core (0-16 cr)

Students may be exempted from all or part of the core requirements if they have previously studied German. See the department for placement information. Students who enroll directly in upper-level courses may have the option to receive credit for GER 1201 & 1202.

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)

Upper Division Electives (23-24 cr)

Most GER 3xxx-4xxx courses apply here. To enroll in these courses a student must have earned a grade of C or better in 1202, or have instructor's permission. With advisor 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:

- GER 3040 - German Culture in Germany - Study Abroad [GLOBAL PER] (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 3407 - Sustainability in German-speaking Cultures [SUSTAIN] (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 (3 cr)**

  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.

  - ARTH 3361 - Being and Becoming Modern: European Art 1855 - 1955 (3.0 cr)

  ARTH 3370 - Dreamworld and Catastrophe: Art and Visual Culture in the Cold War (3.0 cr)
  CUE 3001 - Foundations of Cultural Entrepreneurship I (3.0 cr)
  CUE 3002 - Foundations of Cultural Entrepreneurship II (3.0 cr)
  CUE 4002 - Managing Cultural Organizations (3.0 cr)
  GER 2040 - Berlin: Myth, Legend and Reality [LE CAT, HUMANITIES] (3.0 cr)
  HIST 3243 - Europe in Crisis in the 20th Century (4.0 cr)
  HIST 3244 - Holocaust & Genocide in Europe 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)

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