

GERMAN STUDIES PROGRAM

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In its reconstituted form, Germany has again become a major player in European and global affairs. Germany has always been considered important to European development—at various times it has been called the crossroads of the entire continent—but the economic might of modern Germany and the integration of the European Union have now made American understanding of German culture and civilization more important to—and worthy of study by—American students than at any time since 1945.

German Studies, an integrated program of study leading to the BA degree, offers students the freedom to develop an interdisciplinary sequence of courses to meet their particular needs and interests. It builds the foundation for graduate work in many academic fields that call for a thorough knowledge of German language, culture, and history. It also prepares students for careers in international business or for future study in professional programs such as law and business administration.

After graduation, many German and German Studies majors (most of whom have a second major in another field) visit Germany to study or work. Our majors have returned to Germany on Fulbright scholarships, through internships administered by the Carl-Duisberg-Gesellschaft, or as interns for the German parliament.

Undergraduate Programs

Major

The major in German Studies, which includes a German language requirement, concentrates on the study of the German cultural tradition in history, philosophy, the fine arts, music, film studies, politics, and culture. The major is particularly suited to students wishing to combine interests in German language and culture with a major in another discipline.

The major requires 30 hours, to be distributed as follows:

GRMN 303	German Culture & Civilization	3
GRMN 311	Advanced Conversation	3
GRMN 396	Senior Capstone - German (or equivalent)	3
Twenty-one additional hours approved by one of the co-directors, with no more than 9 hours from any one department		21
Total Units		30

Possible concentrations for the German Studies major include history and philosophy; German literature and theater history; political science and history; art history; music history; and religious studies. Within the program requirements, students are free to shape the major as they wish, based on their own intellectual interests.

Minor

The course requirements for the minor (15 hours) are as follows:

One of the following:	3
GRMN 303	German Culture & Civilization
GRMN 311	Advanced Conversation

Four additional 300-level courses approved by one of the co-directors	12
Total Units	15