

GERMAN (GER)

German is a good foundation for a number of professional careers. The study of German, its history, and culture give the student an edge in such diverse fields as international law, mathematics, philosophy, psychology, technology, chemistry, physics, biology, engineering, music, and the arts. Business majors who also major or minor in German have a leading edge in today's global market. In addition, having a reading knowledge of German satisfies the language requirements of many graduate school programs.

All classes are conducted in German.

A major in German and German Education consists of a minimum of 36 credits of required courses:

1. Intermediate German: GER 201 (EDU only) GER 202.
2. Composition, Conversation, Culture: GER 311 or 312.
3. Literature: Two of the following: GER 321, 322, 323.
4. Grammar: GER 350.
5. International Business: GER 360.
6. Phonology and Phonetics: GER 375.
7. Selected Topics: At least one GER x91.
8. Senior Research Project: GER 495.
9. Collateral Requirement: One of HIS 211, 321, 334 or 331 when the topic is focused on an aspect of German history.

Foreign Study/Experience: All students majoring in German are required to have an approved foreign study/experience of at least six weeks. Students seeking education certification must have their program approved by the Education Department as well as the German Department.

A minor in German or German Education requires at least 24 credits including:

1. Language skills: GER 201 (EDU only), 202, 360, 375, and at least one of 311 or 312.
2. Literature: At least one of GER 321, 322, 323.
3. Selected Topics: At least one GER x91.
4. Electives: At least 6 additional credits from remaining courses above GER 202.
5. Collateral Requirement: One of HIS 211, 321, 334.

Grade Point Average: To earn a major or minor in German, a student must have a minimum grade of C in each course individually and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 in courses selected by the student to satisfy the major/minor. Students seeking Education certification are required to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.

Students who have been waived from taking GER 202 due to placement test scores will receive credit for it towards a German major or minor.

Course Descriptions

GER 101 Elementary German 1. 4 cr.

A communicative introductory course to German stressing the language skills of speaking, reading, writing, and listening. The course also introduces students to the cultures of the German-speaking countries. Once a week students will be scheduled with a language assistant in the language lab.

GER 102 Elementary German 2. 4 cr.

Continuation of Elementary German 1. Prereq: GER 101 (grade of C or better), or by placement.

GER 201 Intermediate German 1. 3 cr.

Oral and written communication skills will continue to be developed and expanded. Readings emphasizing cultural topics will be introduced and discussed. Prereq: GER 102 (grade of C or better), or by placement.

GER 202 Intermediate German 2. 3 cr.

Continuation of Intermediate German 1. Prereq: GER 201 (grade of C or better), or by placement.

GER 311 Advanced German Composition, Conversation, and Culture 1. 3 cr.

Intensive practice in speaking, writing, and reading German. Aspects of German culture and political history will be studied. Prereq: GER 202 (grade of C or better), or by placement.

GER 312 Advanced German Composition, Conversation, and Culture 2. 3 cr.

Intensive practice in speaking, writing, and reading German. The culture and history of Germany and other German speaking countries will be studied. Prereq: GER 202 (grade of C or better), or by placement.

GER 321 Introduction to German Literature 1. 3 cr.

A survey of German literature as illustrated in representative works from the medieval period through the enlightenment. German history and culture as they relate to the works will also be discussed. GER 311 or GER 312.

GER 322 Introduction to German Literature 2. 3 cr.

A survey of German literature as illustrated in representative works from the periods of *Sturm und Drang* to *Junges Deutschland*. German history and culture as they relate to the works will also be discussed. Prereq: GER 311 or GER 312 or by permission of instructor.

GER 323 Introduction to German Literature 3. 3 cr.

A survey of German literature as illustrated in representative works from poetic realism to the present. German history and culture as they relate to the works will also be discussed. Prereq: GER 311 or GER 312 or by permission of instructor.

GER 350 Intensive German Grammar. 3 cr.

This course offers an intensive review of German grammatical structures, syntax, and idioms through composition. An emphasis is placed on developing facility in diverse types of written expression. Prereq: GER 202 (grade of C or better), or by permission of instructor.

GER 360 German for International Business

Communication 1. 3 cr.

Introduction to the vocabulary and practices of German business, the German business culture, and the basic workings of the German economy within the European union. Prereq: GER 202 (grade of C or better), or by permission of the instructor.

GER 375 Phonology and Phonetics. 3 cr.

Introduction to articulatory phonetics and phonemics, with an emphasis on English-German contrasts and pronunciation difficulties; drills in pronunciation. Prereq: One 300 level course or by permission of instructor.

GER 490 Internship. 1-3 cr.

By arrangement with the department and the Internship Coordinator.

GER x91 Seminar in Selected Topics. 3 cr.

Focus on a major topic, figure, movement or era. Presented in a seminar format. May be repeated with a change in subtitle. Prereq: Any two 300 level courses or by permission of instructor.

GER 495 Senior Thesis. 3 cr.

A scholarly project on a theme of interest to the student. Crafted individually with the advisor with an end product in German of a minimum 30-page essay. Prereq: Senior status and by permission of instructor.

GER 199-499 Independent Study. 1-3 cr.

By arrangement with the department.