German

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The Department of German and Russian Studies offers courses in German and Russian language, literature, film, and civilization. It also offers instruction in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. Many courses, such as civilization, culture, literature in translation and film courses, do not require knowledge of a foreign language.

The department offers the Bachelor of Arts with majors in German and in Russian, and the Master of Arts in German, and in Russian and Slavic Studies. The department also offers minors in German, Russian, Chinese Studies, Japanese Studies, and Korean Studies. Many courses in the minor in East Asian Studies are taught in the Department of German and Russian Studies. The Film Studies program is also housed in the department.

Faculty

Professor R. F. Cook*, B. Prager*, C. Strathausen*
Associate Professor S. Franzel*, S. Ireton*, K. Kopp*
Assistant Professor S. Howes*
Associate Teaching Professor M. McKInstry
Teaching Professor: M. Fischer
Assistant Teaching Professor O. Schmidt

* Graduate Faculty Member - membership is required to teach graduate-level courses, chair master’s thesis committees, and serve on doctoral examination and dissertation committees.
** Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees. Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

Undergraduate

• BA in German (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/german/german/german-major)
• Minor in German (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/german/german-minor)

Dual Degrees and Double Majors

As a double major or a dual degree has become an ever more popular choice, an increasing number of students choose German or Russian as one of their majors. Students looking forward to a career in medicine or in the sciences use a double major to ensure a thorough background in the humanities to balance their scientific studies. Double majors within the College of Arts and Science can be arranged and, if the second degree program is identified early, dual degree programs outside the college are also possible. Combined programs with journalism, international studies, education and business are frequent choices. Within the college, combinations with political science, history, philosophy, art history, and the sciences are popular double major programs.

Departmental Honors - German

Departmental honors are available for students majoring in German with a minimum 3.3 GPA. At least two literature courses must be taken at the 4000-level, with no grades below B. The equivalent of one of the courses may be completed in study abroad. Alternately, at the discretion of the department, a paper written within the capstone course may be substituted.

Graduate

• MA in German (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/german/german-major)

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Director of Graduate Studies: Seth Howes

The German and Russian Studies Department offers BA and MA degrees in two cultures and languages of critical significance in the world today - German and Russian. The German program prepares students for admission to PhD programs and for professional language careers in a number of fields. Courses in language, literature, teaching techniques and skills, seminars in various specialized aspects of German studies, and directed study and research provide candidates with opportunities to acquire a comprehensive background in German studies. Teaching assistants receive training in pedagogy.

Resources and Facilities

Resources include extensive library holdings in German literature, cultural studies, and teaching methodology, and an electronically equipped audiovisual laboratory for language training.

Financial Aid from the Program

Some programs require an extra form or statement from those who wish to be considered for internal assistantships, fellowships or other funding packages. Check the program website or ask the program contact for details.

GERMAN 1100: Elementary German I
For beginners with no prior knowledge of German. This course helps learners develop the skills they need to use German as a means of communication in their personal and professional life. It covers a wide variety of vocabulary pertaining to everyday life; emphasis is on all types of communication--oral and listening skills, reading and writing.

Credit Hours: 5

GERMAN 1100H: Elementary German I - Honors
This course is designed for Honors students with little or no German language background and will provide students with a foundation in vocabulary and grammar in order to develop communication proficiency in German. Students will be trained using the five skills: listening, speaking, writing, reading and cultural knowledge. The course will be taught as a total immersion class and thus differs from the standard elementary German sequence. Furthermore, students will be required to complete lengthier reading and writing tasks as well as present a final oral multimedia project at the end of the semester.

Credit Hours: 5

Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required
GERMAN 1150: Freshman Introduction to German Studies
Introduction to German Studies as academic field. Small seminar setting with senior faculty, their favorite texts, and questions pursued in the research and teaching. Recommended for all students interested in integrating German studies into their academic career, conducted in English.

Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: Restricted to Freshman students only

GERMAN 1200: Elementary German II
A continuation of GERMAN 1100. This course helps learners develop the skills they need to use German as a means of communication in their personal and professional life. It covers a wide variety of vocabulary pertaining to everyday life; emphasis is on all types of communication - oral and listening skills, reading and writing.

Credit Hours: 5
Recommended: C- or better in GERMAN 1100, or equivalent

GERMAN 1200H: Elementary German II - Honors
This course is designed for Honors students who either took the GERMAN 1100H section or are placing into GERMAN 1200 as honors eligible students. The main focus of this course is on further development of basic communication skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing in German adding more nuanced cultural and sociolinguistic competencies in a total immersion environment.

Credit Hours: 5
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

GERMAN 1201: Intermediate German I
A continuation of GERMAN 1200. This course helps learners develop the skills they need to use German as a means of communication in their personal and professional life. It covers a wide variety of vocabulary pertaining to everyday life; emphasis is on all types of communication - oral and listening skills, reading and writing.

Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: C- or better in GERMAN 1200, or equivalent

GERMAN 2001: Undergraduate Topics in German-General
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and credits may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated with departmental consent.

Credit Hour: 1-3

GERMAN 2005: Undergraduate Topics in German-Humanities
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and credits may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated with departmental consent. No language credit.

Credit Hour: 1-3

GERMAN 2005W: Undergraduate Topics in German-Humanities - Writing Intensive
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and credits may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated with departmental consent. No language credit.

Credit Hour: 1-3

GERMAN 2100: Intermediate German I
A continuation of GERMAN 1200. This course helps learners develop the skills they need to use German as a means of communication in their personal and professional life. It covers a wide variety of vocabulary pertaining to everyday life; emphasis is on all types of communication - oral and listening skills, reading and writing.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing, ENGLSH 1800 or FILM_S 1800 or instructor's consent

GERMAN 2200: Trends in World Cinema
(same as FILM_S 2820 and RM_LAN 2820). This course is a historical overview of the major trends in international cinema. It focuses on the intersection of aesthetics, industry, and ideological and social concerns in cinematic production.

Credit Hours: 3

GERMAN 2301: Topics in German-General
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours with departmental consent.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent
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GERMAN 3520: Folk and Fairytales in a Global Context
Analyzes the most famous European collection of fairytales, namely the Kinder-und Hausmarchen (Children's and Household Tales) by the Brothers Grimm and juxtaposes them to folktales from other cultures. Looks at the genre of fairytales, studies the historical context of the genesis of the collection of tales, and modern versions of the tales. Compares and contrasts Grimm's fairytales with folktales of different cultural traditions, analyzes and identifies the formal structure of fairytales and motifs, discusses various interpretive models/perspectives and juxtaposes several historical and contemporary literary fairytales and fairytale adaptations. Cultural unit examples will be on Mongolian culture and history and the Maori culture of New Zealand. Students are expected to create their own cultural unit based on the course's units. Course is taught in English.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing required

GERMAN 3520H: Folk and Fairytales in a Global Context
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Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing required

GERMAN 3520HW: Folk and Fairytales in a Global Context - Honors/ Writing Intensive
Analyzes the most famous European collection of fairytales, namely the Kinder-und Hausmarchen (Children's and Household Tales) by the Brothers Grimm and juxtaposes them to folktales from other cultures. Looks at the genre of fairytales, studies the historical context of the genesis of the collection of tales, and modern versions of the tales. Compares and contrasts Grimm's fairytales with folktales of different cultural traditions, analyzes and identifies the formal structure of fairytales and motifs, discusses various interpretive models/perspectives and juxtaposes several historical and contemporary literary fairytales and fairytale adaptations. Cultural unit examples will be on Mongolian culture and history and the Maori culture of New Zealand. Students are expected to create their own cultural unit based on the course's units. Course is taught in English.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing required. Honors eligibility required

GERMAN 3550: Resistance is Futile: The Advance of the Cyborg
Contemporary culture is haunted by the image of artificial killing machine as metaphor for technology run rampant. Fears may be prompted by feelings of alienation in automated society and underlying suspicion that humans may be nothing more than sophisticated machines. Course maps history of l'homme machine, focusing on fictional representation of creatures that consist of both human and technological "parts." Goal is to discern source of fascination and sociopolitical mechanism behind evocation of "human machine."

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor

GERMAN 3585: The Holocaust on Screen
(same as FILM_S 3865). This course explores how the Holocaust has been depicted on film in a variety of national and historical contexts. Drawing on films from 1945 to the present, from the U.S., Germany, Poland, France, and Italy, we will consider to what end images of the Holocaust have been used. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor

GERMAN 3586: The History of Blacks in Germany
(same as BL_STU 3605). This course investigates the history of Africans and African Americans in Germany and Central Europe, from Antiquity to today. Special focus on Medieval Africans in Europe, traveling African American intellectuals around 1900, and African American GIs in occupied Germany. This course will challenge your understanding of race and racism.

Credit Hours: 3

GERMAN 3587: Struggle for the Soul of America
(same as BL_STU 3606). This course explores the history of African Americans in the U.S., from Antiquity to today. Special focus on Medieval Africans in America, traveling African American intellectuals around 1900, and African American GIs in occupied Germany. This course will challenge your understanding of race and racism.

Credit Hours: 3

GERMAN 3588: Struggle for the Soul of America
(same as BL_STU 3607). This course explores the history of African Americans in the U.S., from Antiquity to today. Special focus on Medieval Africans in America, traveling African American intellectuals around 1900, and African American GIs in occupied Germany. This course will challenge your understanding of race and racism.

Credit Hours: 3

GERMAN 3605: The History of Blacks in Germany
(same as BL_STU 3605). This course investigates the history of Africans and African Americans in Germany and Central Europe, from Antiquity to today. Special focus on Medieval Africans in Europe, traveling African American intellectuals around 1900, and African American GIs in occupied Germany. This course will challenge your understanding of race and racism.

Credit Hours: 3

GERMAN 3830: History of the German Film
(same as FILM_S 3830). Introduction to the development of the German film. Old and recent films are viewed and discussed in terms of techniques, artistry, psychology and social impact. English dubbing or subtitles. No foreign language credit.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing or instructor's consent

GERMAN 3865: The Holocaust on Screen
(same as FILM_S 3865). This course explores how the Holocaust has been depicted on film in a variety of national and historical contexts. Drawing on films from 1945 to the present, from the U.S., Germany, Poland, France, and Italy, we will consider to what end images of the Holocaust have been used. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

GERMAN 3895: Service Learning in German Studies
Service learning offers students a chance to put into practice what they have learned in theory. Students work as teacher-aids or tutors in
foreign language/culture classes at area schools. Does not meet Arts and Science foundation requirements. Graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hours: 2
Prerequisites: GERMAN 2260, or instructor's consent

GERMAN 4001: Topics in German-General
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours with departmental consent.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent
Recommended: junior standing

GERMAN 4005: Topics in German-Humanities
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours with departmental consent.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent
Recommended: junior standing

GERMAN 4005H: Topics in German-Humanities - Honors
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours with departmental consent.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: junior standing and instructor's consent. Honors eligibility required

GERMAN 4005W: Topics in German-Humanities - Writing Intensive
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours with departmental consent.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent
Recommended: junior standing

GERMAN 4070: Intensive Beginning German
Designed to lead to a reading knowledge of German.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

GERMAN 4160: Advanced Language Proficiency
(cross-leveled with GERMAN 7160). A course for intermediate to advanced students of German. This course helps learners develop further the necessary communicative skills in German. The particular emphasis is on oral and writing skills, and texts that provide insight into contemporary German culture and social life.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: GERMAN 3230 or equivalent

GERMAN 4220: Eerie Tales: Classic German Narratives
In this class, we will read classic uncanny tales in German by major authors, and will explore the traits of this category across a variety of literary movements.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: GERMAN 3230 or equivalent language capacity

GERMAN 4230: Enlightenment and Revolution
Reading and discussion of selected works by major German writers from 1740 to 1870.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: GERMAN 3230 or equivalent

GERMAN 4240: Modernism and Modernity
Reading and discussion of selected works by major German writers from 1870 to the present.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: GERMAN 3230 or equivalent

GERMAN 4260: Recent German Literature
This course examines 'post-unification' works (i.e. by formerly East and West German authors) of literature and film written since 1989 that addresses social and political changes leading to or resulting from unification and the experience of WWII. Students will analyze the diverse cultural, political and economic factors that influence writers and filmmakers whose aesthetic production in turn helps shape contemporary German society.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: GERMAN 3230

GERMAN 4730: German Internship and Methods
(cross-leveled with GERMAN 7730). Supervised introduction to the methodology of the teaching of elementary German; conducted in a classroom environment.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: junior standing, GERMAN 4230, or instructor's consent

GERMAN 4810: Case Studies in an Inter/Multicultural World
(same as T_A_M 4810, PEA_ST 4810, DST 4805). This interdepartmental course examines the ways in which people across the globe are affected every day by an unprecedented array of linkages that defy geographic and political boundaries. Also serves as one of the seminars for the certificate in Digital Global Studies. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing; 2.75 GPA or instructor's consent

GERMAN 4820: Blogging the World: The Web in Cultural Context
(same as FRENCH 4820 and RUSS 4820). Innovative interdisciplinary course addresses issues of access to international news and specific cultural context working in cross-disciplinary teams. Students in journalism, foreign language, international studies, political science and various other disciplines track cultural developments and information on non-US Web sites, blogs and digital social networks along with exploring various historical forms of communication that preceded the digital era.
of the Web. Students analyze the potential and limitations/ effects of blogs and the web in specific contemporary cultural contexts and as part of the broader historical evolution of the web. The course is taught in English. The goal of this course is two-fold: students learn the particulars of web blogging, explore various features of the contemporary social network landscape while focusing on the concept of culture, in particular the cultures of Europe and the US. Questions asked are: what is culture? What is common or popular right now in other cultures? And how do new social networks amplify or alter certain features or culture across national and international contests?

**Credit Hours: 3**
**Prerequisites:** sophomore standing required

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**GERMAN 4820W: Blogging the World: The Web in Cultural Context - Writing Intensive**
(same as FRENCH 4820 and RUSS 4820). Innovative interdisciplinary course addresses issues of access to international news and specific cultural context working in cross-disciplinary teams. Students in journalism, foreign language, international studies, political science and various other disciplines track cultural developments and information on non-US Web sites, blogs and digital social networks along with exploring various historical forms of communication that preceded the digital era of the Web. Students analyze the potential and limitations/ effects of blogs and the web in specific contemporary cultural contexts and as part of the broader historical evolution of the web. The course is taught in English. The goal of this course is two-fold: students learn the particulars of web blogging, explore various features of the contemporary social network landscape while focusing on the concept of culture, in particular the cultures of Europe and the US. Questions asked are: what is culture? What is common or popular right now in other cultures? And how do new social networks amplify or alter certain features or culture across national and international contests?

**Credit Hours: 3**
**Prerequisites:** sophomore standing required

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**GERMAN 4840: Totalitarianism and Culture**
(same as RUSS 4840; cross-leveled with GERMAN 7840, RUSS 7840). In this course, we will explore the politics and poetics of totalitarian culture by examining the paintings, music, sculptures, buildings, and films produced under the rule of these regimes. In the process, we will learn how Nazi and Soviet culture producers made carefully calibrated appeals to their respective mass audiences, drawing upon the German and Russian cultural traditions - and on scientific rhetorics of cultural history and racial destiny - in crafting their utopian visions of worlds transformed, wrongs righted, and societies perfected.

**Credit Hours: 3**
**Prerequisites:** Honors eligibility required
**Recommended:** Junior standing or above; students taking this course for WI should have taken a 2000- or 3000-level WI course before beginning this class

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**GERMAN 4840HW: Totalitarianism and Culture - Honors/Writing Intensive**
(same as RUSS 4840HW; cross-leveled with GERMAN 7840, RUSS 7840). In this course, we will explore the politics and poetics of totalitarian culture by examining the paintings, music, sculptures, buildings, and films produced under the rule of these regimes. In the process, we will learn how Nazi and Soviet culture producers made carefully calibrated appeals to their respective mass audiences, drawing upon the German and Russian cultural traditions - and on scientific rhetorics of cultural history and racial destiny - in crafting their utopian visions of worlds transformed, wrongs righted, and societies perfected.

**Credit Hours: 3**
**Prerequisites:** Honors eligibility required
**Recommended:** Junior standing or above; students taking this course for WI should have taken a 2000- or 3000-level WI course before beginning this class

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**GERMAN 4840W: Totalitarianism and Culture - Writing Intensive**
(same as RUSS 4840; cross-leveled with GERMAN 7840, RUSS 7840). In this course, we will explore the politics and poetics of totalitarian culture by examining the paintings, music, sculptures, buildings, and films produced under the rule of these regimes. In the process, we will learn how Nazi and Soviet culture producers made carefully calibrated appeals to their respective mass audiences, drawing upon the German and Russian cultural traditions - and on scientific rhetorics of cultural history and racial destiny - in crafting their utopian visions of worlds transformed, wrongs righted, and societies perfected.

**Credit Hours: 3**

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**GERMAN 4960: Special Readings in German**
Independent study through readings, conferences, and reports.

**Credit Hour:** 1-3
**Prerequisites:** instructor's consent
**Recommended:** junior standing

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**GERMAN 4980: German Capstone Seminar**
(cross-leveled with GERMAN 7980). Required of all senior German majors; usually taken in the senior year. Focuses on contemporary Germany and brings together aspects of German literature and culture studies during the degree program.

**Credit Hours: 3**

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**GERMAN 7001: Topics in German-General**
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours with departmental consent.

**Credit Hour:** 1-3
GERMAN 7005: Topics in German - Humanities
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours with departmental consent.

Credit Hour: 1-99

GERMAN 7070: Intensive Beginning German
This course is primarily designed for graduate students seeking reading knowledge of German. It is conducted in English and consequently students do not learn how to speak or write German as they typically do in language acquisition classes. The focus instead lies on grammar, vocabulary building, and translation. No previous familiarity with German is expected, but by the end of the course students will ideally be able to understand the basic gist of scholarly texts in their respective disciplines. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

GERMAN 7085: Problems in German

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: chairman's consent

GERMAN 7160: German Conversation and Composition III
(cross-leveled with GERMAN 4160). A course for intermediate to advanced students of German. This course helps learners develop further the necessary communicative skills in German. The particular emphasis is on oral and writing skills, and texts that provide insight into contemporary German culture and social life.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: GERMAN 3230 or equivalent

GERMAN 7650: Faust
(cross-leveled with GERMAN 4650). Faust.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: GERMAN 4230 or equivalent

GERMAN 7670: Medieval German Literature 1170-1210
(cross-leveled with GERMAN 4670). Analysis of major narrative and lyric poetry of the Age of Chivalry.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: GERMAN 4230 or equivalent

GERMAN 7730: German Internship and Methods
(cross-leveled with GERMAN 4730). Supervised introduction to the methodology of the teaching of elementary German; conducted in a classroom environment.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: GERMAN 4230 or equivalent, or instructor's consent

GERMAN 7840: Totalitarianism and Culture
(same as RUSS 7840; cross-leveled with GERMAN 4840, RUSS 4840). In this course, we will explore the politics and poetics of totalitarian culture by examining the paintings, music, sculptures, buildings, and films produced under the rule of these regimes. In the process, we will learn how Nazi and Soviet culture producers made carefully calibrated appeals to their respective mass audiences, drawing upon the German and

Russian cultural traditions - and on scientific rhetorics of cultural history and racial destiny - in crafting their utopian visions of worlds transformed, wrongs righted, and societies perfected.

Credit Hours: 3

GERMAN 7960: Special Readings in German
Independent study through readings, conferences, and reports.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

GERMAN 7980: German Capstone Seminar
(cross-leveled with GERMAN 4980). Focuses on contemporary Germany and brings together aspects of German literature and culture studies during the degree program.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: one 3000-level literature course or equivalent, or instructor's consent

GERMAN 8005: Topics in German - Humanities
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours with departmental consent.

Credit Hour: 1-99

GERMAN 8050: Research in German
Translations or creative work not leading to thesis. Credit hours arranged.

Credit Hour: 1-3

GERMAN 8085: Problems in German

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: chairman's consent

GERMAN 8087: Seminar in German
Course content varies.

Credit Hours: 3

GERMAN 8090: Research in German
Graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: graduate director's consent