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, Hebrew 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 Slavonic 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. Engelstein*, S. Franzel*, S. Ireton*, K. Kopp*
Assistant Professor S. Howes*
Associate Teaching Professor M. Fischer*
Assistant Teaching Professor M. McKinstry, 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/ba-german)
- Minor in German (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/german/minor-german)

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/ma-german)

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https://grs.missouri.edu/german/german-graduate-program

Director of Graduate Studies: Sean Ireton

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
**Prerequisites**: 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 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 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**: C- or better in GERMAN 1200, or equivalent

**GERMAN 2260: Intermediate German II: Language and Culture**
This course continues to help learners develop 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**: C- in GERMAN 2100 or equivalent

**GERMAN 2310: German Civilization: Beginning to 1850**
Major historical, social, artistic, literary themes from beginnings to end of Revolution of 1848. Films and recordings. May be taken independently of GERMAN 2320. No foreign language credit. Some sections may enforce prerequisite of ENGLISH 1000.

**Credit Hours**: 3

**GERMAN 2310W: German Civilization: Beginning to 1850 - Writing Intensive**
Major historical, social, artistic, literary themes from beginnings to end of Revolution of 1848. Films and recordings. May be taken independently of GERMAN 2320. No foreign language credit. Some sections may enforce prerequisite of ENGLISH 1000.

**Credit Hours**: 3

**GERMAN 2320: German Civilization: 1850 to Present**
Second Empire, Weimar Republic, Nazi era, two Germanies after 1949. Historical, social, artistic, literary themes. Films and recordings. May be taken independently of GERMAN 2310. No foreign language credit.

**Credit Hours**: 3
**Prerequisites**: some sections may enforce prerequisite of ENGLISH 1000

**GERMAN 2320W: German Civilization: 1850 to Present - Writing Intensive**
Second Empire, Weimar Republic, Nazi era, two Germanies after 1949. Historical, social, artistic, literary themes. Films and recordings. May be taken independently of GERMAN 2310. No foreign language credit.

**Credit Hours**: 3
**Prerequisites**: some sections may enforce prerequisite of ENGLISH 1000

**GERMAN 2820: 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
**Prerequisites**: sophomore standing, ENGLISH 1800 or FILM_S 1800 or instructor’s consent

**GERMAN 3001: 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**: sophomore standing

**GERMAN 3005: 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**: sophomore standing
GERMAN 3160: German Conversation and Composition
This course expands communicative competence in German and provides a review of advanced grammar concepts. Primary emphasis is on the further development of oral and written skills, reading comprehension, vocabulary expansion, and a broad exposure to relevant topics of contemporary German culture and society. Conducted in German.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: GERMAN 2260 or equivalent

GERMAN 3180: Business German
Examines language within the economic and professional context of German-speaking countries. Introduces different economic concepts of Germany’s turbulent 20th century, modern-day business systems and everyday commercial activities such as job applications, professional routines, capital investment and banking. Provides students with vocabulary, cultural knowledge and communicative abilities in order to participate in the professional German-speaking world using linguistically-solid and stylistically-persuasive writing and speaking skills.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: GERMAN 2260 or equivalent

GERMAN 3190: Contemporary German Culture
This content-driven course provides insights into essential subjects of 20th century German history and contemporary society, using a variety of literature, journalistic sources and film. The course will improve German conversation and literacy skills, and will strengthen critical reading and writing, as well as interpretative abilities. Significant grammatical concepts will be thoroughly reviewed throughout the semester. Conducted in German.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: GERMAN 2260 or instructor's consent

GERMAN 3230: Introduction to German Literature
This course introduces students to German-language literary texts, images, and films in their cultural and historical context through exposure to major genres (poetry, drama, short stories, and the novel). It further builds their vocabulary and teaches them critical interpretive skills as preparation for the analysis of literary texts in upper-division courses - and in life.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: C- or better in either GERMAN 3160 or GERMAN 3190

GERMAN 3230: Readings in German Literature
Readings in English of selected works of German literature from Goethe to the present, with a particular emphasis on writers and texts that have had a strong influence on European thought and culture.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing, ENGLISH 1000

GERMAN 3510: Think Global: Fundamentals of Globalization and Digital Technologies
(same as PEA_ST 2810, JOURN 3510, DST 3510, T_A_M 3010). This interdepartmental course serves as one of the core seminars for students pursuing the undergraduate Certificate in Digital Global Studies. The course focuses on the impact of technological change and globalization on cultures around the world from various interdisciplinary perspectives. The course is open to students in any discipline. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or instructor's consent.

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Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing; 2.75 GPA or instructor's consent. Honors eligibility required

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Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or instructor's consent.

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.

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**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 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 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 4005W: 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 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 Hours: 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 Hours: 1-3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent
Recommended: junior standing

GERMAN 4070: Intensive Beginning German
Designed to lead to a reading knowledge of German. Cannot be taken to fulfill undergraduate language requirement.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: graduate standing or 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

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 4240: Modernism and Modernity
(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

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
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Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing required

GERMAN 4960: Special Readings in German
Independent study through readings, conferences, and reports.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent
Recommended: junior standing

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
Prerequisites: senior standing or departmental consent

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 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 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 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