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, Japanese, and Korean. 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*, C. Strathausen*
Associate Professor S. Engelstein*, S. Franzel*, S. Ireton*, K. Kopp*, B. Prager*
Assistant Professor S. Howes*
Associate Teaching Professor M. Fischer*
Assistant Teaching Professor M. McKinstry, O. Schmidt

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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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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.