MA in German

Degree Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of graduate-level courses with a GPA of B or higher. No fewer than 24 hours are to be earned in German courses at the 7000 or 8000 level and at least 15 hours must be taken in German courses at the 8000 level. A thesis, with a maximum of 6 hours of credit, or a critical essay, with a maximum of 3 hours credit, are optional. Courses taken outside the department must complement the student’s plan of study and require the approval of the departmental advisor. No languages other than German and English are required. Information regarding specific course requirements can be obtained by writing to the director of graduate studies.

Comprehensive Examinations

Candidates for the MA degree must pass comprehensive written and oral final examinations based on coursework and a cumulatively prepared reading list.

Admission Criteria

Fall deadline: First preference given to applications received by January 15, subsequent applications welcomed
Note: Applications received by January 15 receive first consideration

Spring deadline: August 1
Note: Applications to begin Spring semester are not encouraged.
Assistantships are typically not available for graduate students beginning Spring semester.

- Minimum TOEFL scores:
  - Internet-based test (iBT)
    - 61 Effective July 1, 2015 must have score of 80
  - Paper-based test (PBT)
    - 500 Effective July 1, 2015 must have score of 550

- Minimum GPA: 3.0
- Undergraduate major in German or equivalent

Note: The department reserves the right to evaluate the work presented for admission and to determine how the student may make up for background deficiencies.

Required Application Materials

To the Graduate School:
- All required documents

To the Program:
- Departmental application
- 3 letters of recommendation

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