

BA in German

Degree Program Description

The German degree is the exploration of the language, literature, and culture of German-speaking countries (Germany, Austria, and Switzerland) and their place in Europe and the world. Students combine coursework in German and English to develop skills in critical thinking, cultural awareness, media literacy, and linguistic competence. MU German majors commonly double major and have successfully pursued careers in business, engineering, finance, law, journalism, government service, teaching, medicine, and the sciences, as well as in art, literature, philosophy, music, and film. Students engage with cultural and philosophical traditions and learn about key issues affecting media, technology, art, politics, and society in present-day German-speaking countries as well as at key moments in its past.

Major Program Requirements

The major in German consists of 27 credits in German or in courses related to German speaking countries in History, Art History, Film Studies, Digital Global Studies, or the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures beyond GERMAN 2100. Students are encouraged to pursue internships for course credit, and have options to complete courses in English that focus on German and European cultural studies. The German faculty strongly encourages all majors to spend at least one semester studying abroad at a German university. Equivalents to all the required courses for the major are available through study abroad.

German majors commonly pursue one of two tracks. The first is focused more strongly on linguistic competence; students take more courses taught in German, including in single or multi-semester study abroad experiences. The second track involves more classes taught in English and is focused more on cultural competency. Both tracks pair well with majors in business, engineering, international studies, journalism, history, art history, the natural sciences, and more.

In addition to University (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#undergraduatetext>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements in the College of Arts and Science must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated.

Major core requirements (beyond the A&S language requirement)

The following courses or their equivalents must be included:

GERMAN 2260	Intermediate German II: Language and Culture	3
GERMAN 2310	German Civilization I: Barbarians, Valkyries, Knights, Poets	3
or GERMAN 2320	German Civilization: 1850 to Present	
GERMAN 3160	German Conversation and Composition	3
or GERMAN 3190	Contemporary German Culture	
GERMAN 3230	Introduction to German Literature	3
or GERMAN 3320	Readings in German Literature	
GERMAN 4160	Advanced Language Proficiency	3
GERMAN 4980	German Capstone Seminar	3

One GERMAN 4000-level literature, culture, or history course 3

Electives

Elective courses and equivalents to replace the required courses above should be selected in consultation with the advisor.

Total Credits 21

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
GERMAN 2100 or 2100H		3 GERMAN 2260	3
ENGLISH 1000		3 Marth and Quantitative Reasoning	3
Missouri State Law Requirement: Social Science from Arts and Science		3 Behavioral Science from Arts and Science	3
Humanities		3 Social Science	3
First-year orientation course		3 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	3
		15	15

Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
GERMAN 3160		3 GERMAN 3190	3
Biological or Physical Science with lab		5 GERMAN 2320	3
Humanities, First Writing Intensive Course		3 Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science	4
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective		3 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	3
		Social Science 2000+	3
		14	16

Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
GERMAN 3230		3 GERMAN 4230	3
GERMAN 4160		3 Humanities	3
Humanities 2000+		3 Behavioral Science 2000+	3
Undergraduate research or service learning		3 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	6
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective		3	
		15	15

Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
GERMAN 4240		3 GERMAN 4980	3
Social Science 2000+		3 Humanities	3
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective		6 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	9
LG_LT_CT 4940		3	
		15	15

Total Credits: 120

NOTE: Third Year - Study Abroad at German University