
GERMAN TEACHING BS

German Teaching

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In our changing global environment, communication is the key to understanding other peoples and cultures. The German program prepares its students to thrive as global citizens in a diverse world. Students in German language education acquire language proficiency and cultural competence that provide insight into the culture, literature, and history of German-speaking countries and enables them to travel, study, and work in areas where the target language is used.

At the end of their program, students will meet the National Standards for Foreign Language Learning:

Communicate in Languages Other Than English

- Standard 1.1: Students engage in conversations, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions.
- Standard 1.2: Students understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics.
- Standard 1.3: Students present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics.

Gain Knowledge and Understanding of Other Cultures

- Standard 2.1: Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the culture studied.
- Standard 2.2: Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied.

Connect with Other Disciplines and Acquire Information

- Standard 3.1: Students reinforce and further their knowledge of other disciplines through the foreign language.
- Standard 3.2: Students acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the foreign language and its cultures.

Develop Insight into the Nature of Language and Culture

- Standard 4.1: Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of the language studied and their own.
- Standard 4.2: Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.

Participate in Multilingual Communities at Home & Around the World

- Standard 5.1: Students use the language both within and beyond the school setting.
- Standard 5.2: Students show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using the language for personal enjoyment and enrichment.
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POLICIES/INFORMATION

Admission to Major is granted by the department. Minimum university admission requirements are:

- a minimum of 32 earned semester credit hours.
- a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 ("C").

A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required in all German courses. Contact the department for application procedures.

GPA Policy. A grade of "C-" or better must be earned for major or minor credit.

P/N Grading Policy. Work done for a major or minor must be done for a letter grade above the second-year level. A grade of "P" must be earned for major or minor credit in all work done on a P/N basis.

Proficiency Policies. Students with high school language experience may take the CLEP test for a maximum of 12 credits. Students who wish to receive credit by examination may take tests to evaluate their proficiency. Students may not take a proficiency test for a course in which they are enrolled. The department reserves the right to deny admission to courses for those students whom a faculty member determines to have mastered the material already.

Fulfilling BA Language Requirement. Students who wish to validate the BA Language requirement for previous study in French, German, Spanish, Swedish or Norwegian may do so by taking a language competency exam under the rules for credit by exam (see above section). Students do not meet the BA language requirements merely because they have taken two years of high school language.

Residency Requirement. Transfer credits will be applied only if they are the equivalent of work offered by the Department of World Languages & Cultures for the major or minor in that language. In addition, a minimum of work must be taken at Minnesota State Mankato as follows. Major: a minimum of eight credits upper division courses other than Independent or Individual Study. At least one of these courses must be at the 400 level. Minor: a minimum of one upper division course other than Independent or Individual Study, for a total of at least four credits.

Courses not required for a student's specific baccalaureate degree should be chosen according to these general guidelines:

- BA:

Emphasis on literature in upper-division courses; students will most likely pursue their education beyond the baccalaureate level.

- BS:

Emphasis on the ability to communicate in the language; presupposes knowledge of culture and civilization; students frequently have career goals in other disciplines for which a language is either required or recommended.

- BS German Education:

Emphasis on communication (four skills plus culture and language analysis).

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Degree completion = 120 credits

Prerequisites to the Major

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| GER 201 | Intermediate German I (4) |
| GER 202 | Intermediate German II (4) |

Major Common Core

Language (choose 1-4 credits)

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| GER 340 | Topics in Language (1-4) |
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Literature (choose 1-8 credits)

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| GER 342 | Selected Readings (1-4) |
| GER 442 | German Literature (1-4) |

Civilization

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| GER 343 | German Civilization (1-4) |
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Methods (choose 8 credits)

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| WLC 460 | Methods of Teaching Modern Language (3) |
| WLC 461 | Applied Modern Language Teaching Methods (1) |
| WLC 462 | Foreign Language Elementary School (FLES) Methods (3) |
| WLC 463 | Applied (FLES) Methods (1) |

Composition & Conversation

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| GER 341 | Composition and Conversation (4) |
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Major Restricted Electives (1-10 credits)

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| GER 150V | The German-speaking Countries: An Interdisciplinary Introduction (4) |
| GER 293 | Supervised Foreign Study: Intermediate (1-4) |
| GER 299 | Individual Study (1-4) |
| GER 340 | Topics in Language (1-4) |
| GER 342 | Selected Topics (1-4) |
| GER 343 | German Civilization (1-4) |
| GER 393 | Supervised Foreign Study (1-6) |
| GER 442 | German Literature (1-4) |
| GER 443 | Topics in German Studies (1-4) |
| GER 445 | Topics in German Linguistics (1-4) |
| GER 460 | Topics in German Cinema (4) |
| GER 490 | Senior Capstone Project (1-4) |
| GER 493 | Supervised Foreign Study (1-6) |
| GER 497 | Internship (1-6) |
| GER 499 | Individual Study (1-4) |

Required for Major. Students must "demonstrate intermediate-high level speaking proficiency" as defined in the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines established by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages or equivalent. Contact the department for details. Also required for the major are first-hand experiences with the target cultures.

Other Graduation Requirements

See the SECONDARY EDUCATION section for admission requirements to Professional Education and a list of required professional education courses.

Required Minor: None.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS SEE GERMAN