

# GERMAN

In our changing global environment, communication is the key to understanding other peoples and cultures. More than 220 million people speak German worldwide, and the German program prepares its students to thrive as global citizens in a diverse world. Students will gain an understanding of German cultures, literature, history, and foundational texts that shaped the modern world. It will give them an edge when looking for job opportunities that are based in or doing business with other companies in German-speaking countries.

## PROGRAMS



### DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Arts in German
- Bachelor of Science in German Teaching
- German Minor

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Students acquire language proficiency and cultural competence that provide insight into the culture, literature, and history of German-speaking countries and are trained to think critically and interdisciplinary, which enables them to travel, study, and work in areas where the target language is used.

## REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



### SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Communication Skills
- Global Knowledge and Citizenship
- Critical Thinking
- Competency in Another Language
- Diversity
- Cultural Awareness

### CAREERS

- Communications Specialist
- Teacher
- Translator
- Interpreter
- Language Analyst
- History/Culture Representative

### EMPLOYERS

- Health Care Organizations
- Law Firms
- Government Agencies
- Airlines
- Historical Societies
- Communications Firms

## INSPIRED ACTION



### EMPLOYMENT RATE

**100%**  
of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

Graduates: 7  
Respondents: 6  
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### MEDIAN SALARY

**\$57,490**

The median annual wage for Educational Instruction and Library Occupations in May 2022.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Educational Instruction and Library occupations, at [link.mnsu.edu/german-salary](https://link.mnsu.edu/german-salary)

### PROGRAM WEBSITE



[hss.mnsu.edu/german](https://hss.mnsu.edu/german)

# COURSE CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS

German B.A.	
<b>Skills:</b> GER 201 Intermediate German I GER 202 Intermediate German II GER 340 Topics in language (may be repeated for credit with different topic) GER 341 Composition and Conversation I GER 441 Composition and Conversation II	<b>Literature:</b> GER 342 Selected Readings GER 442 German Literature (may be repeated for credit with different topic)
<b>Civilization:</b> GER 343 German Civilization (may be substituted with GER 150W) GER 443 Topics in German Studies (may be repeated for credit with different topic)	<b>Major Electives:</b> Additional required credits may be selected from a preapproved list (see current bulletin)
<b>Required Minor:</b> Students pursuing a B.A. in German must also minor in another field. Popular choices are other languages, business-related fields, Art, and History. Please note that if a student is already majoring in another field, this requirement does not apply.  Students may be allowed to substitute other courses for the requirements listed above. Often, this will occur when a student chooses to participate in a study abroad program, when special one-time course is offered, or when a motivated student chooses to pursue an independent study or capstone project with a program faculty member.	
German B.S. in Teaching	
<b>Additional Courses:</b> Students pursuing a German B.S. in Teaching are required to take four teaching methods courses taught by Department of World Languages and Cultures faculty. These courses provide instruction in both the theoretical framework and practical implementation of language instruction and acquisition in the classroom. WLC 460 Methods of Teaching Modern Language WLC 461 Applied Modern Language Teaching Methods WLC 462 Foreign Language Elementary School (FLES) Methods WLC 463 Applied FLES Methods	<b>Additional Requirements:</b> While there is no required minor, students are required to complete additional courses in the College of Education for K-12 licensure.  Students selecting this option must also demonstrate an intermediate high level speaking proficiency as defined in the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines established by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages or their equivalent. Firsthand experiences in relevant target cultures are also required.

For more information about program requirements, visit:  
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## LEARN MORE

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