

German and Slavic Studies

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Degree Offered: B.A.

The major in German studies offers maximum exposure to interdisciplinary studies in German. Courses situate German culture within the broad context of European history, covering not only the traditional fields of language and literature but also those of gender, film, and cultural theory. The degree work prepares students for careers in such fields as academia, communications, diplomacy, and international law and economics. Also offered are courses in German cultural studies (GMAN), which are taught in English.

In the B.A. degree program in Slavic studies, students acquire a proficiency in Russian and Eastern European language, culture, and literature. A three-year study plan is also available within this department in the Russian language. A variety of Russian literature courses are taught in English, including monograph courses on Tolstoy and Dostoevsky.

Degree Requirements for B.A. in German Studies

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (pages 16–18). Students majoring in German studies must complete at least 30 semester hours in upper-level courses (at the 300 or 400 level); a double major must complete 24 hours in upper-level courses. Majors may take 2 courses related to the subject of German studies outside the department in other fields of study such as art, music, linguistics, history, philosophy, and political science.

The department encourages all majors to meet with faculty and graduates at a weekly German Table for lunch in one of the colleges. Majors are also urged to spend time living and studying in Germany by applying for the Dr. and Mrs. Earl Douglas Mitchell Fellowship, a fund established for study abroad. Information on other programs of study in Germany is available from members of the German studies faculty and from the Office of Academic Advising.

Honors. Outstanding students are presented annually with the Max Freund Prize and the Goethe Institut Book Prize. The department also offers an honors program for majors excelling in their studies (see Honors Programs on page 33). Honors work consists of readings and research leading to a substantial honors essay under the supervision of a department faculty member; students should consider the work as a special interest study to enhance preparation and application for graduate school.

Degree Requirements for B.A. in Slavic Studies

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (pages 16–18). Single majors in Slavic studies must complete 24 semester hours (8 departmental courses) above the 300 level. Double majors must complete 18 hours (6 courses) above the 300 level. At least 1 of these courses must cover the entire Slavic area (e.g., SLAV/RUSS 320 Slavic Cultures, SLAV/RUSS 411 Contemporary Russia, or SLAV/RUSS 412 Contemporary Eastern and Central Europe).

Courses in Polish are offered subject to availability of an instructor. Students may take 2 Slavic studies-related courses from outside the department, subject to approval by the Slavic studies adviser.

Fellowships in varying amounts are available for Slavic studies from the Dr. and Mrs. Earl Douglas Mitchell Fellowship Fund.

See GERM (pages 365–371), GMAN (pages 372–373), PLSH (page 494), RUSS (pages 521–523), and SLAV (pages 524–525) in the Courses Instruction section.