

German and Slavic Studies

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Degrees Offered: B.A. in German Studies, B.A. in Slavic Studies

German

The department offers instruction in the German language, in German literature (studied in the original and in translation), and in the achievements of German culture surveyed as a whole and in particular themes, genres, and periods. The department stresses linguistic competence, interdisciplinary study, and the role of German culture within the broad context of European history. Studies in film, cultural theory, and gender complement traditional studies of German literature, philosophy, history, and art.

The B.A. in German prepares students for graduate study in German, as well as for careers in law, business, international affairs, economics, and other academic fields. Our language acquisition courses maximize linguistic proficiency and prepare students for study abroad. Our freshman seminars are conducted in small groups and stress written and oral communication. Culture courses under the rubric “Mapping German Culture” are taught in English and consider major cultural and literary topics. For students who have some proficiency in German, the Mapping German Culture courses are accompanied by sections that conduct discussions and study sources in German. Upper-level literary courses and special topics seminars both polish linguistic skills and offer intensive study at a high level.

The department encourages and, by means of the Mitchell Fellowships, facilitates study abroad in Germany and Austria. There are weekly German tables in the colleges.

Degree Requirements for B.A. in German Studies

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (pages 18–20). Students who have German as their only major must complete at least 27 semester hours above the 200 level. These 27 semester hours must include the following:

GERM 302 (bridge course in German literary language)

3 Mapping German Culture courses (GERM 321–360) with attached one-hour FLAC sections

GERM 411, 412 (basic German literature courses)

GERM 421, 422 (special topics seminars)

Option: GERM 301 *Composition and Conversation I* may be substituted for any one of the above courses except 302, 411, and 412.

Students who have German as a double major must complete at least 20 semester hours above the 200 level. These 20 semester hours must include the following:

GERM 302 (bridge course in German literary language)

2 Mapping German Culture courses (GERM 321–360) with attached one-hour FLAC sections

GERM 411, 412 (basic German literature courses)

Either GERM 421 or 422 (special topics seminars)

Option: GERM 301 *Composition and Conversation I* may be substituted for any one of the above courses except 302, 411, and 412.

Honors. Outstanding students are presented annually with the Max Freund Prize. The department also offers an honors program for majors excelling in their studies. Honors work consists of readings and research leading to a substantial honors essay under the supervision of a department faculty member (GERM 403). Students should consider this work to enhance preparation for graduate school.

Slavic

In the B.A. program in Slavic Studies, students acquire a proficiency in Russian and Eastern European languages, culture, and literature. A three-year study plan in Russian language is available. A variety of Russian literature courses are taught in English, including courses devoted to Tolstoy and Dostoevsky.

The department encourages and, by means of the Mitchell Fellowships, facilitates study abroad in a Slavic speaking country.

Degree Requirements for B.A. in Slavic Studies

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (pages 18–20). Single majors in Slavic studies must complete 24 semester hours at the 300 level or above. Double majors must complete 18 semester hours at the 300 level or above. At least one of these courses must cover the entire Slavic area (e.g., SLAV 320 *Slavic Cultures*, RUSS 411 *Contemporary Russia*, or SLAV 412 *Contemporary Eastern and Central Europe*).

Courses in Polish are offered subject to availability of an instructor. Students may take two Slavic studies-related courses from outside the department, subject to approval by the Slavic studies advisor (Professor Thompson).

See GERM, PLSH, RUSS, and SLAV in the Courses of Instruction section.