

GERMAN AND SLAVIC STUDIES

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DEGREES OFFERED: BA IN GERMAN STUDIES, BA 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 BA in German prepares students for graduate study in German and 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 study abroad in Germany and Austria. There are weekly German tables in the colleges.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA IN GERMAN STUDIES

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (pages 14–15). Students who have German as their only major must complete at least 30 semester hours above the 200 level, as follows:

- GERM 303 and 304 (bridge course in German literary/cultural language)
- GERM 410 *Advanced Composition and Conversation: Language and Style in Cultural Texts*
- GERM 411, 412 (basic German literature survey courses)

- 2 special topics seminars (GERM 351 to any other 400-level special topics)
- 3 Mapping German culture courses

Students who have German as a double major must complete at least 24 semester hours above the 200 level, as follows:

- GERM 303 and 304 (bridge course in German literary/cultural language)
- GERM 410 *Advanced Composition and Conversation: Language and Style in Cultural Texts*
- GERM 411, 412 (basic German literature survey courses)
- 1 special topics seminar (GERM 351 to any other 400-level special topics)
- 2 Mapping German culture courses

Note: For single majors, a maximum of 4 transfer courses can count toward the major. For double majors, a maximum of 3 transfer courses can count toward the major. Request for exceptions to these rules will be considered by department committee.

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

The School of Humanities currently is reviewing the status of the Slavics majors program. At this time, the school is not registering new majors in the Slavics program. The School of Humanities is committed, however, to courses in Russian language, Slavic culture, and East European history, which are expected to be offered next year and in the future.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA IN SLAVIC STUDIES FOR EXISTING MAJORS

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (pages 14–15). 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 1 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 2 Slavic studies-related courses from outside the department, subject to approval by the Slavic studies advisor (Ewa M. Thompson).

Currently there is a moratorium on new majors in Slavic Studies, approved by the dean of humanities at the request of the department.

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