

GERMAN STUDIES

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DEGREES OFFERED: BA IN GERMAN STUDIES

The department offers courses in both English and German. Courses in English have readings in translation, and all the course work is done in English. They offer exceptional opportunities to work with the experts on numerous topics in German Studies. The freshman seminars offered by the department are included among the English language courses. For students who have completed intermediate German or the equivalent, the department offers courses starting at the 300-level with readings, discussion, and course work in the German language. These courses include surveys of German culture and literature, introduction to German language media, and German through cultural texts, as well as more advanced topics. Studies in film, cultural theory, and gender complement traditional studies of German literature, philosophy, history, and art. Advanced courses continue to reinforce and expand German language skills.

The department encourages and facilitates study abroad through advising and scholarship support.

For our current course offerings see our website: german.rice.edu. We also post up-to-date information in the department on the third floor of Rayzor Hall.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA IN GERMAN STUDIES

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (pages 16–19). Students who have German as their only major must complete at least 30 semester hours at or above the 300 level, as follows:

- GERM 304 *German through Cultural Texts*
- GERM 305 *Enlightenment and Romanticism, 1750–1850*
- GERM 306 *Realism to Modernity, 1850–present*
- 4 German 300-level courses (up to 2 may be from the department's offerings in English)
- 3 German 400-level courses

Students who have German as a double major must complete at least 24 semester hours at or above the 300 level, as follows:

- GERM 304 *German through Cultural Texts*
- GERM 305 *Enlightenment and Romanticism, 1750–1850*

- GERM 306 *Realism to Modernity, 1850–present*
- 3 GERM 300-level courses (1 may be from the department’s offerings in English)
- 2 German 400-level 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 the undergraduate advisor.

Honors—The department offers an honors program for majors excelling in their studies. Honors work consists of readings and research leading to a substantial honors thesis under the supervision of a department faculty member (GERM 493 in fall, GERM 494 in spring). Outstanding students are presented annually with the Max Freund Prize.

See GERM in the Courses of Instruction section.