

GERMAN, B.S.

The German program affords students the opportunity to begin or to continue their study of German and/or Dutch.

German

Knowledge of German provides access to a culture that for more than a millennium has been central to the history, economy, arts, and sciences not just of Europe but of Western civilization as a whole. In the contemporary world, German-speaking countries have Europe's strongest economies and are playing an increasingly important role in world affairs. More Americans claim German ethnicity than any other, and German-speaking immigrants and their descendants have had an enduring impact on the history and culture of the United States. UW–Madison has been a leader in the field of German studies for more than a century. The university's libraries are remarkable for the depth and breadth of their German-language holdings.

Dutch

Knowledge of Dutch provides access to a culture that has been an important force in world history since the Middle Ages. The language of more than 20 million inhabitants of the Netherlands and Flanders (Dutch-speaking Belgium), Dutch is also spoken in Suriname and the Netherlands Antilles. It is also an important second language in Indonesia. As major economic powers, Belgium and the Netherlands play a leading role in shaping the European Union. World-class research in the sciences and humanities is conducted at Dutch and Belgian universities, and both countries can boast of a cultural life in which art, music, and theater are all flourishing.

STUDY ABROAD

The German program works closely with International Academic Programs (<http://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/>) to provide a range of opportunities for study in Germany and the Netherlands, for majors and nonmajors alike. The program also cooperates with the School of Business, which maintains study abroad programs in Germany and Austria open to all qualified undergraduates, not just business majors. Finally, the College of Engineering and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences offer study abroad programs in Germany for qualified students in these colleges.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR GERMAN STUDENTS

UW–Madison students interested in international internships should visit the website of the International Internship Program (<http://internships.international.wisc.edu/>).

The German-language immersion dormitory, Stockwerk Deutsch (<http://gns.wisc.edu/stockwerk-deutsch/>), is located in Richardson House in Adams Hall, one of the Lakeshore dorms. Undergraduate students live and speak German together with a resident native speaker of German. Contact the German program for applications and details.

Other regular student activities include film screenings and lectures as well as informal, conversation-oriented Kaffeestunde, Stammtisch, Dutch Table, and the German Club. For additional information, contact the German program.

OFFERINGS IN DUTCH STUDIES

Course offerings in Dutch include five semesters of language instruction as well as courses in the literature and culture of the Low Countries.

Courses in Dutch language satisfy the L&S foreign language requirement, while courses in Dutch literature and culture carry literature and humanities credits, respectively. Dutch literature is also offered under Literature in Translation.

A major in Dutch studies is not yet established at UW–Madison, but interested students are encouraged to pursue an individual major in the field. In addition to the study of language, literature, and culture, this could entail coursework in art history, geography, history, sociology, and so on. Courses taken in the study abroad program in Utrecht can also be applied to an individual major in Dutch studies.

HOW TO GET IN

DECLARING THE MAJOR

Students who have completed the prerequisite coursework may declare the German major at any time by consulting with the German program's undergraduate advisor.

Students declared in the German certificate may not be declared in the German major at the same time. Students who do wish to declare this major must first cancel their declaration in the certificate.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE MAJOR IN GERMAN

A total of 9 credits of language coursework at the third-year (post-204, "2xx") level is required for the German major. Third-year German language courses (GERMAN 249, GERMAN 258, GERMAN 262, GERMAN 285) are not sequenced; they may be taken in any order and/or simultaneously.

Complete one of the following two groups of prerequisite courses:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Group 1: | | |
| GERMAN 249 & GERMAN 258 & GERMAN 262 | Intermediate German - Speaking and Listening and Intermediate German-Reading and Intermediate German-Writing | 9 |
| Group 2: | | |
| GERMAN 249 & GERMAN 285 | Intermediate German - Speaking and Listening and Intermediate Intensive (Honors) German: Language, Culture, Texts | 9 |

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate

General Education Requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the *Guide*.

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| General Education | • Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits |
| | • Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits |
| | • Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits |
| | • Communication Part A & Part B * |
| | • Ethnic Studies * |
| | • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B * |

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degree requirements.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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| Mathematics | Complete two courses of 3+ credits at the Intermediate or Advanced level in MATH, COMP SCI, or STAT subjects. A maximum of one course in each of COMP SCI and STAT subjects counts toward this requirement. |
| Foreign Language | Complete the third unit of a foreign language. |
| L&S Breadth | Complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 credits of Humanities, which must include at least 6 credits of Literature; and• 12 credits of Social Science; and• 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include 6 credits of Biological Science and 6 credits of Physical Science. |
| Liberal Arts and Science Coursework | Complete at least 108 credits. |
| Depth of Intermediate/Advanced Coursework | Complete at least 60 credits at the Intermediate or Advanced level. |
| Major | Declare and complete at least one major. |
| Total Credits | Complete at least 120 credits. |
| UW-Madison Experience | Complete both: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30 credits in residence, overall, and• 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit. |
| Quality of Work | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2.000 in all coursework at UW-Madison• 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW-Madison |

NON-L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non-L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

27 credits in the major, as follows:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Required Courses | | 6 |
| GERMAN 337 | Advanced Composition & Conversation | |
| GERMAN 676 | Advanced Seminar in German Studies ¹ | |
| or GERMAN 677Seminar in German Culture Studies | | |
| Electives ¹ | | 21 |
| GERMAN 305 | Literatur des 20. und 21. Jahrhunderts | |
| GERMAN 351 | Introduction to German Linguistics | |
| GERMAN 352 | Topics in German Linguistics | |
| GERMAN 362 | Topics in German Literature | |
| GERMAN 367 | Study Abroad in German Literature | |
| GERMAN 368 | Study Abroad in German Culture | |
| GERMAN 369 | Study Abroad in German Linguistics | |
| GERMAN 372 | Topics in German Culture | |
| GERMAN 385 | Honors Seminar in German Literature | |
| GERMAN 411 | Kultur des 20. und 21. Jahrhunderts | |
| GERMAN 612 | German Literary Movements Since 1750 | |
| GERMAN 625 | Letterkunde der Lage Landen | |
| GERMAN 632 | A Theme in German Literature | |
| GERMAN 644 | Theory and Practice of German Drama | |
| GERMAN 645 | Cultuurlunde der Lage Landen | |
| GERMAN 650 | History of the German Language | |
| GERMAN/MEDIEVAL 651 | Introduction to Middle High German | |
| GERMAN/COM ARTS 655 | German Film | |
| GERMAN 677 | Seminar in German Culture Studies | |
| GERMAN 681 | Senior Honors Thesis-First Semester | |
| GERMAN 682 | Senior Honors Thesis-Second Semester | |
| GERMAN 683 | Senior Honors Seminar in German Literature | |
| GERMAN 698 | Directed Study | |
| GERMAN 699 | Directed Study | |
| Total Credits | | 27 |

COGNATE COURSES AS ELECTIVES

Up to 9 cognate course credits may count as electives within the German major. These are courses with German-related subject matter that are taught in English, either in the German program or in other departments. Cognate courses taken in the German program may be at the Elementary, Intermediate, or Advanced levels; those taken in other departments must be at the Advanced level only. Any questions about which courses may be counted as cognate courses may be directed to the undergraduate advisor. Currently the cognate list includes:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| GERMAN 236 | Bascom Course | |
| GERMAN 245 | Topics in Dutch Life and Culture | |
| GERMAN 264 | Culture in 20th Century Berlin | |
| GERMAN 266 | Topics in German and/or Yiddish Culture | |
| GERMAN 267 | Yiddish Song and the Jewish Experience | |
| GERMAN/ JEWISH/ LITTRANS 269 | Yiddish Literature and Culture in Europe | |
| GERMAN 272 | Nazi Culture | |
| GERMAN 275 | Kafka and the Kafkaesque | |
| GERMAN/ LITTRANS 276 | Special Topics in German and World Literature/s | |
| GERMAN 278 | Topics in German Culture | |
| GERMAN/ JEWISH/ LITTRANS 279 | Yiddish Literature and Culture in America | |
| GERMAN/ LITTRANS 280 | From Grimm to Gryffindor: German Fairytales (Re)imagined | |
| GERMAN 325 | Topics in Dutch Literature | |
| GERMAN 445 | Topics in Dutch Culture | |
| GERMAN/ JEWISH 510 | German-Jewish Culture Since the 18th Century | |
| GERMAN 560 | Topics in German Studies | |
| GERMAN 625 | Letterkunde der Lage Landen | |
| GERMAN 645 | Cultuurkunde der Lage Landen | |
| GERMAN/ MEDIEVAL 651 | Introduction to Middle High German | |
| GEN&WS/ LITTRANS 270 | German Women Writers in Translation | |
| GNS 375 | Philosophy, Theory, Criticism | |
| HISTORY/ JEWISH 310 | The Holocaust | |
| HISTORY/ ENVIR ST 328 | Environmental History of Europe | |
| HISTORY 359 | History of Europe Since 1945 | |
| HISTORY 410 | History of Germany, 1871 to the Present | |
| JEWISH/ PHILOS 442 | Moral Philosophy and the Holocaust | |
| JEWISH/ ENGL 539 | Jewish Literatures in Diaspora | |
| RELIG ST 406 | The Amish | |

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all GERMAN courses and all major courses
- 2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level major credits, taken in residence²
- 15 credits in GERMAN, taken on campus

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the German undergraduate advisor.

HONORS IN THE GERMAN MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.300 in all Advanced-level GERMAN courses
- Complete 29 total Advanced-level credits in German, 20 of which must be taken for Honors, to include:

| Code | Title | Credits |
|----------------------------|---|---------|
| GERMAN 337 | Advanced Composition & Conversation (for honors credit) | 3 |
| GERMAN 676 | Advanced Seminar in German Studies (for honors credit) | 3 |
| GERMAN 677 | Seminar in German Culture Studies | 3 |
| GERMAN 681 & GERMAN 682 | Senior Honors Thesis-First Semester and Senior Honors Thesis-Second Semester | 6 |

FOOTNOTES

1

At least 3 of these credits must be taken on the UW-Madison campus (not through Study Abroad).

2

GERMAN courses numbered 300-699 are upper-level in the major, except: GERMAN 311, GERMAN 312, GERMAN 313, GERMAN 314, GERMAN 325, GERMAN 335, GERMAN 377, GERMAN 378, GERMAN 379, GERMAN 391, GERMAN 392, GERMAN 401, GERMAN 402, GERMAN 403, GERMAN 404, GERMAN 445, and any Dutch topic course.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree To receive a bachelor's degree from UW-Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

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| Residency | Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs. |
| Quality of Work | Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation. |

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|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Physical Science Breadth | 3 Electives | 7 |
| Elective | 4 | |
| | 16 | 16 |
| Senior | | |
| Fall | Credits | Spring Credits |
| 300+ Level GERMAN Elective | 3 | GERMAN 676 3 |
| 300+ Level GERMAN Elective | 3 | 300+ Level GERMAN Elective 3 |
| Science Breadth | 3 Electives | 9 |
| Electives | 6 | |
| | 15 | 15 |

Total Credits 120

ADVISING AND CAREERS

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For advising questions related to the German major, contact the GNS+ Undergraduate Advisor:

Joanna Schuth, Undergraduate Advisor
jschuth@wisc.edu (mllouden@wisc.edu)
836 Van Hise Hall
Make an appointment through Starfish (<https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/>)

Language placement tests are advised for any student with previous knowledge or experience with German or Dutch. The German test is proctored through the University Placement Test program; more information is available here: <https://exams.wisc.edu/placement/>

If you have questions about your placement test score, please contact the Undergraduate Advisor or the Placement Advisor:

Jeanne M. Schueller, German Language Program Coordinator and Placement Advisor
jmschuel@wisc.edu
866 Van Hise Hall

The placement test for Dutch is a one-on-one appointment with a professor, with written, oral, and reading comprehension components. The Placement Advisor for Dutch is Jolanda Vanderwal Taylor. Please contact the undergraduate advisor to request placement.

Any questions regarding placement in German or Dutch may be directed to the undergraduate placement advisors for these programs:

Jeanne M. Schueller, Undergraduate German Placement Advisor
jmschuel@wisc.edu
866 Van Hise Hall

Jolanda Vanderwal Taylor, Undergraduate Dutch Placement Advisor
jvtaylor@wisc.edu
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832 Van Hise Hall

For advising on careers related to German, Dutch, and other languages, contact the Language Institute (<https://languageinstitute.wisc.edu/>).

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FOUR-YEAR PLAN

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

This Sample Four-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it—along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools—to make their own four-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests. As students become involved in athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, volunteer experiences, and/or work, they might adjust the order of their courses to accommodate these experiences. Students will likely revise their own four-year plan several times during college.

Students considering a major in German should consult with the undergraduate advisor for German early to discuss how to complete their degree in four academic years.

Freshman

| Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits |
|--------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|
| GERMAN 101 | 4 | GERMAN 102 | 4 |
| Communication A | 3 | GERMAN/JEWISH/LITTRANS 279 (meets Ethnic Studies Requirement) | 3 |
| Quantitative Reasoning A | 3 | Biological Science Breadth | 3 |
| Social Science Breadth | 4 | Social Science Breadth | 4 |
| | 14 | | 14 |

Sophomore

| Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits |
|--------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| GERMAN 203 | 4 | GERMAN 204 | 4 |
| GERMAN 236 | 3 | GERMAN 275 | 3 |
| Quantitative Reasoning B | 3-4 | GERMAN 267 (enroll in Communication B Section) | 4 |
| INTER-LS 210 | 1 | Social Science Breadth | 4 |
| Elective | 4 | | |
| | 15 | | 15 |

Junior

| Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits |
|------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|
| GERMAN 249 | 3 | GERMAN 337 | 3-4 |
| GERMAN 258 | 3 | 300+ Level GERMAN Elective | 3 |
| GERMAN 262 | 3 | Science Breadth | 3 |

Languages at UW-Madison
 Language Institute
 Careers (<https://languages.wisc.edu/beyond/careers/>)

L&S CAREER RESOURCES

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Enroll in a Career Course (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/>) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:
 - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
 - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
 - INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Activate your Handshake account (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
- Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students' lives (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/>)

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