

German Studies (Interdisciplinary)

Degree Type

Major

World Languages and Cultures Program Goals

The World Languages and Cultures program is designed to achieve the following goals for their students:

- Communication: Communicate in Languages Other Than English
 - Students engage in conversations ,provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions.
 - Students understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics.
 - Students present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics.
- Cultures: Gain Knowledge and Understanding of Other Cultures
 - Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the cultures studied.
 - Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied.
- Connections: Connect with Other Disciplines and Acquire Information
 - Students reinforce and further their knowledge of other disciplines through the foreign language.
 - Students acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the foreign language and its cultures.
- Comparisons: Develop Insight into the Nature of Language and Culture
 - Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language comparisons of the language studied to their own.
 - Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.
- Communities: Participate in Multilingual Communities at Home and Around the World
 - Students use the language both within and beyond the school setting
 - Students show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using the language for personal enjoyment and enrichment

Learning Outcomes for Students Majoring in German Studies and Spanish

- Students majoring in German Studies or Spanish will demonstrate speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in the target language consistent with the Advanced low levels as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

- Students will demonstrate an accurate understanding of linguistic concepts related to the target language, consistent with the Advanced low level as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.
- Students will demonstrate awareness of key similarities and differences between their own cultural practices and perspectives and those of target language groups and the ability to express divergent cultural viewpoints clearly and accurately in speech and writing.
- Students will articulate knowledge of a variety of literary, artistic, and cultural works and figures associated with target language societies.
- Students will analyze and interpret authentic texts and other cultural products in clearly organized and coherent presentations in speech and writing in ways that reflect informed understanding of relevant contextual factors, including socio-historical influences and cultural traditions, perspectives, and behavioral patterns.
- Students will integrate target language proficiencies, intercultural competencies, technology skills, and critical modes of thinking and expression to effectively perform tasks typical of today's globalized work environment, including appropriate professional communications, adequate translation, and the ability to collaborate on projects.

Requirements for the Major

German Studies is an interdisciplinary major maintained by the World Languages and Cultures Section of the Humanities Department.

A minimum of 30 credits in German beyond GRMN 130, including:

Item #	Title	Credits
GRMN 410	Topics in German Cultures and Literatures	3
GRMN 220	Conversation and Composition: Germany	3
GRMN 221	Conversation and Composition: The German-Speaking World	3
	GRMN 320 or 321	3
GRMN 410	Topics in German Cultures and Literatures	3
	GRMN 420 or 421	3
GRMN 477	Senior Seminar in German Studies	3
	Study Abroad Semester	12-18
	Two courses from INTD 251, 252, or 253	6
WLAC 370	Introduction to Linguistics	3
INTD 490	Senior Project	2-4
INTD 495	Comprehensive Exams	

one semester of study abroad in an approved study abroad program in a German-speaking country (Bethany maintains an exchange program at the University of Education/Pädagogische Hochschule Heidelberg, Germany for which competitive partial scholarships are available. The major adviser will work closely with the students to organize the study abroad component.); a secondary emphasis comprising at least 12 credits from disciplines outside of GRMN: Students will determine these courses with their adviser no later than the second semester after the major was declared. Students who envision teaching German as part of their professional future are strongly encouraged to take WLAC 480 and 481 and to try out as apprentice teachers for GRMN 110-130.

Note: Completion of GRMN 220 or 221 is a prerequisite for study abroad.