



Germanic Studies

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<http://slc.umd.edu/german/undergraduate>

Key Features of a German Major

- Speak, read, write and understand German at a level allowing you to communicate with native speakers
- Recognize and interpret the diverse cultural perspectives and products of the German-speaking world

Career Options and Salaries with a German Major

Knowledge of a foreign language is a very valuable and marketable skill. Many with foreign language skills work as interpreters and translators. Others work as “language specialists” in various capacities for the Federal Government. Teaching is also a popular option, especially as the demand for foreign language skills rises.

- In 2015, teachers at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels earned a median annual income of \$54,550 - \$57,200.
- In 2015, salaried interpreters and translators had a median salary of \$44,190.
- In 2015, postsecondary foreign language and literature teachers earned a mean annual wage of \$72,470.

**All information on salaries and career options taken from <http://stats.bls.gov/ooh/>.*

Additional information on salaries and careers can be found through the Arts and Humanities Website: [Languages, Literature, and Culture](#).

Advising

If you are interested in learning more about the German major, you can easily make an appointment to see an advisor:

- Regina Ianozi
- 3106G Jimenez Hall
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Declaring a German Major

German is not a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP). If you have decided to major in this field, you can declare immediately!

When you declare your major in German, you are also declaring that you will be a student in the College of Arts and Humanities (ARHU) which houses the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (of which German is a part). There are two levels in your declaration and later advising: the department (German) and the College (Arts and Humanities). The College will advise you regarding your General Education requirements and the Department will advise you regarding your major requirements.

To declare a major in German:

- 1) Carefully read all major requirements for Germanic Studies:
<https://slc.umd.edu/german/undergraduate/major#requirements>.
- 2) Contact Regina Ianozi (see “Advising” for her contact information). She will assist you in completing an academic plan.
- 3) Students must complete the ARHU [Foreign Language Placement Test](#) (FLPT must be taken in a proctored environment if students are seeking exemption from [The Global Engagement Requirement](#)). Please note that students’ majors will not be changed until they have an FLPT score on file or have satisfied prerequisites via AP credit or earned college credit.
- 4) Make an appointment to meet with an advisor in the ARHU Office of Student Affairs by calling (301) 405-2108. You will be advised on University (Gen Ed or CORE) and [College](#) requirements and then be officially changed to your new major. Be sure to bring the “Academic Plan Checklist” form with your History advisor's signature and stamp to your appointment. ***Enrollment in the major is not complete until an ARHU advisor has signed the Four-Year Plan worksheet.***
- 5) As a new major, you will then be assigned to a department advisor, with whom you will need to meet at least once per semester prior to registration.

***Students may not change their major during walk-in advising hours.**

Germanic Studies Four Year Academic Plan

Year 1	Fall	Spring
Benchmark 1 Requirements		
GERM203	ENGL 101 (AW)*	Natural Sciences (NS)**
<i>Must be completed by the end of two semesters</i>	Math (MA)*	Analytic Reasoning (AR)
	History/Social Sciences (HS)**	Humanities (HU)**
	GERM 103	GERM 203 (satisfies Global Engagement Requirement)
	UNIV 101	Elective 1xx-4xx
	<i>*Must attempt by 30 cr.</i>	
Year 2		
Benchmark 2 Requirements		
Two (2) GERM 3xx courses	Humanities (HU)**	Oral Communication (OC)
<i>Must be completed by the end of four semesters</i>	GERM 204	Scholarship in Practice (SP) #1**
	GERM Elective 2xx-4xx	GERM 301
	Elective 1xx-4xx	GERM Elective 2xx-4xx
	Elective 1xx-4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
Year 3		
Benchmark 3 Requirements		
Five additional courses in GERM	Natural Science Lab (NL)**	History/Social Sciences (HS)**
<i>Must be completed by the end of six semesters</i>	GERM 302	GERM Culture 2xx-4xx (#1)
	GERM Elective 2xx-4xx	GERM Literature 3xx-4xx (#1)
	Elective 3xx-4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
	Elective 3xx-4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
Year 4		
	Professional Writing (PW)	GERM Language 3xx-4xx (#2)
	Scholarship in Practice (SP) #2	GERM Literature 3xx-4xx (#2)
	GERM Language 3xx-4xx (#1)	GERM Elective 2xx-4xx
	GERM Culture 2xx-4xx (#2)	Elective 3xx-4xx
	Elective 3xx-4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
	Total Credits for Degree: 120; 45 credits must be 3xx-4xx	
Note: Some courses for the major may also count toward the General Education requirements.		
**All students must complete two Distributive Studies courses that are approved for I-series courses. The Understanding Plural Societies and Cultural Competence courses may also fulfill Distributive Studies categories.		

CORE Four-Year Plan

First Year:

ENGL 101	3
HA or HA	3
SH or SB	3
GERM 103	4
UNIV 100 or 101	1
	14 credits

Lab Science	4
FM	3
SH	3
Diversity	3
GERM 203	4
	17 credits

Second Year:

Non-Lab Science	3
SB	3
German Language Course #1	3
GERM Elective	3
Elective	3
	15 credits

MS	3
German Language Course #2	3
German Literature Course #1	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
	15 credits

Third Year:

Advanced Studies #1	3
German Culture Course #1	3
Supporting Area 1xx-4xx	3
Elective	3
Elective 3xx-4xx	3
	15 credits

Professional Writing	3
German Literature Course #2	3
GERM Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective 3xx-4xx	3
	15 credits

Fourth Year:

Advanced Studies #2	3
German Culture Course #2	3
Supporting Area 1xx-4xx	3
Elective 3xx-4xx	3
Elective 3cc-4xx	3
	15 credits

GERM Elective	3
GERM Elective	3
Elective 3xx-4xx	3
Elective 3xx-4xx	3
Elective 3xx -4xx	3
	15 credits

TOTAL = 121 credits

Q & A

Can I study abroad in places other than Germany?

Yes! While several study abroad opportunities are offered in Germany, you may also study in other German-speaking countries. There are programs available in Austria, Sweden, and Denmark. For more information, please contact the Education Abroad Office (<http://www.international.umd.edu/studyabroad/>).

Is a German minor available?

Yes. The minor requires 15 credits beyond GERM 203. Nine credits (3 courses) must be at the upper level, one each from literature, language and culture. For more information, please contact Dr. Regina Ianozi (ianozi@umd.edu).

What is the Engineering and German Program?

This is a five-year program resulting in a double major: a B.S. in Engineering and a B.A. in German. During the fourth year, students spend two semesters in Germany, first as a student then as an intern in German industry or in a university laboratory. Contact Ms. Jane Fines, Director of Undergraduate Recruitment and Special Programs, in Engineering (jfines@umd.edu) or visit the International Engineering & Leadership Programs website (<http://www.ilp.umd.edu/>) or Office in 1131 Glenn L. Martin Hall.