GERMAN MAJOR (B.A.)

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Description

The German major is offered by the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures. This program is of interest to the following groups of students:

- Those who have a special interest in the German language, literature and culture.
- Those who intend to enter fields in which a background in foreign languages and cultures is desirable, such as business, engineering, the sciences, law, international affairs, government service and international service.
- Those who plan to teach German in secondary schools. Since most secondary schools require their teachers to teach more than one subject, students planning to enter teaching at this level should plan their programs carefully. They should combine a major in one culture and language with a minor or at least a meaningful sequence of courses in another subject. Dual majors also are possible. For certification requirements, see the section coordinator.

All German majors are strongly encouraged to double major or include a relevant minor in their studies.

Requirements

A major consists of 10 courses in German beyond GERM 402 Elementary German II. Courses required for the major (or their equivalents):

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<td>GERM 503</td>
<td>Intermediate German I</td>
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<td>GERM 504</td>
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<td>GERM 525</td>
<td>Introduction to German Culture and Civilization</td>
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<td>GERM 631W</td>
<td>Advanced Communications Skills I</td>
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<td>GERM 632</td>
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<td>Select four courses, taken at the 600 or 700 levels</td>
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1 A successful IROP or SURF application may count as one of the 700-level courses. One upper-division German course can be replaced with one of the following courses:
   GERM 521 Major German Authors in English
   LLC 535A Professional Culture in European Union - - Case Study: Germany
   LLC #551 Comparative Literature: Masterpieces of World Literature I
   LLC 552 Comparative Literature: Masterpieces of World Literature II
   ENGL 693 Special Topics in Literature
   PHIL 496 Topics
   ARTH 680 Iconoclasm and Collecting: The Art of Early Modern Northern Europe
   POLT 552 Contemporary European Politics
   Students are strongly encouraged to take a GERM or LLC course to complete their major. Students must petition the German Program for the acceptance of non-GERM or LLC courses towards the German major. Courses not listed above must be discussed ahead of time with a German faculty member.

2 Including GERM 797 Special Studies in German Language and Literature and GERM 798 Special Studies in German Language and Literature

A grade of C- or better is required in all major coursework. Majors are required to spend a minimum of one semester in an approved German-speaking study abroad program, or at least eight weeks in a summer study program. For students spending one semester abroad, two or three of the five upper-level courses are normally taken in Durham. For students spending a whole academic year abroad, one or two of the five upper-level courses are normally taken in Durham. LLC 791 Methods of Foreign Language Teaching does not count for major credit; LLC 791 Methods of Foreign Language Teaching is recommended as an elective and required for teacher certification.

The required minimum overall GPA in major coursework is 2.0.

Candidates for a degree must satisfy all of the University Discovery Program requirements in addition to satisfying the requirements of each individual major program. Bachelor of arts candidates must also satisfy the foreign language proficiency requirement.

German majors may use two major-required courses to satisfy two Discovery category requirements.