

German

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In the Department of European Studies
In the College of Arts and Letters

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Offered by the Department of European Studies

Major in German with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.
Emphasis in German studies.
Major in European studies with emphasis in German. **See** European Studies.
Major in international business, with emphasis in German.
See International Business.
Minor in German.

The Major

The German language is widely spoken in many countries today. It is also a primary language of scholarship in such diverse fields as chemistry, medicine, military science, history, linguistics, art, physics, electronics, photography, and the natural sciences.

Students who major in German will gain proficiency in German language skills, and the department offers a broad variety of courses designed to prepare majors for a number of careers after graduation. A major in German is also a good preparatory curriculum for graduate programs in such areas as international trade, international law, librarianship, public administration, and journalism.

A knowledge of German is a valuable asset in finding positions as interpreters and translators employed by the federal government, the United Nations, international conferences, trade councils, and publishers, as well as with internationally oriented companies, government agencies, the press corps, and the tourism industry.

The German major with an emphasis in German studies offers extensive preparation in the German language while providing students with a broad, interdisciplinary understanding of the history, culture, and society of the countries of Central Europe where German is spoken. This emphasis provides excellent preparation for careers as area specialists for private businesses and agencies or for positions at international organizations, with the federal government, or in cultural institutions.

Students majoring in German are strongly encouraged to participate in California State University International Programs (CSU-IP) and other approved study abroad programs in German-speaking countries. Students also have the option of pursuing a double major in another language area study.

Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

German Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 11031)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 48 units in German courses can apply to the degree.

Students majoring in German must complete a minor in another field to be approved by the departmental adviser in German.

Preparation for the Major. German 100A, 100B, 200, 205A, 205B. (21 units)

Upper Division Writing Requirement. Passing the University Writing Examination or completing one of the approved writing courses with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Foreign Language Requirement. The foreign language requirement is automatically fulfilled through coursework for preparation for the major.

Major. A minimum of 24 upper division units to include German 300, 301, 310, 420, and 12 units in upper division German which may include Comparative Literature 571 (with approval of department).

Emphasis in German Studies

No minor is required with this emphasis.

Preparation for the Major. German 100A, 100B, 200, 205A and 205B. (21 units)

Upper Division Writing Requirement. Passing the University Writing Examination or completing one of the approved writing courses with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Foreign Language Requirement. The foreign language requirement is automatically fulfilled through coursework for preparation for the major.

Major. A minimum of 30 upper division units to include German 300, 301, 420; six units of electives in German; 12 units (no more than six units in any one department) selected from Art 558, Economics 330, Geography 336, History 440, 517, Humanities 320, 404, Philosophy 414, Political Science 356; and three units of electives selected with approval of department adviser.

German Minor

The minor in German consists of a minimum of 15 units in German, nine of which must be in upper division courses.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

Foreign Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Students electing the study of German to fulfill the foreign language requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts and sciences must successfully complete German 205A or 205B or the equivalent level of achievement. The usual sequence of

coursework is German 100A, 100B, 200, and 205A, 205B. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements" for additional ways to satisfy competency.

High School Equivalents

High school foreign language courses may be used for purposes of placement in college courses and may be counted toward meeting the foreign language requirement in various majors. These high school courses will not count as college credit toward graduation.

Secondary school language courses can be used as follows:

1. The first *two years* of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first semester of a college level course, although students with fewer than three years of high school level language may complete the first semester college course for graduation credit.

2. The first *three years* of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first two college semesters, although students with fewer than four years of high school level language may complete the second semester college course for graduation credit. Students who have completed three years of foreign language in high school will not receive credit for the first semester college course unless at least five years separate the last high school course and the first college course.

3. *Four years* of high school level language count as the equivalent of three college semesters or five college quarters, thus fulfilling the foreign language requirement.

Courses (GERMN)

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

Native speakers of German will not receive credit for taking lower division courses in German except with advance approval from the department.

All lower division courses in German are taught in German.

No credit will be given for lower division courses taken after successfully completing any upper division German course taught in German.

No credit will be given for German 100A, 100B, 205A, 205B taken out of sequence. German 200 may be taken concurrently with German 205A or 205B.

100A. First Course in German (5) I, II

Pronunciation, oral practice, readings on German culture and civilization, minimum essentials of grammar. Not open to students who have completed three years of high school German unless the third course was completed five or more years ago.

100B. Second Course in German (5) I, II

Prerequisite: German 100A or two years of high school German.

Continuation of German 100A. Not open to students who have completed four years of high school German unless the fourth course was completed five or more years ago.

200. German for Oral Proficiency (3)

Three lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisite: German 100B or three years of high school German.

Practice in spoken language; use of modern German through study of cultural materials for proficiency in oral communication.

205A. Third Course in German (4)

Four lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisite: German 100B or three years of high school German.

Continuation of German 100B. Practice of all language skills at intermediate level. Not open to students with credit in German 201 and 202.

205B. Fourth Course in German (4)

Four lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisite: German 205A.

Continuation of German 205A. Practice of all language skills at intermediate level. Not open to students with credit in German 210.

296. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

All upper division courses in German are taught in German unless otherwise stated.

300. Readings in Contemporary German Culture (3)

Prerequisites: German 200, 205B. Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities required for non-majors.

Development of advanced proficiency in reading comprehension and oral communication through use of cultural materials.

301. Grammar and Composition (3)

Prerequisites: German 200, 205B; and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities required for non-majors. **Proof of completion of prerequisites required:** Copy of transcript.

Grammar and stylistics; intensive writing practice; reports based on outside reading.

303. Business German (3)

Three lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisites: German 301 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.

German language and culture within context of German business and economics. Extensive readings and listening comprehension exercises. Practice in both speaking and writing German.

304. Phonetics of Spoken German (3)

Three lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisites: German 200 and 205B.

Sounds and intonation of German.

310. Introduction to German Literature (3)

Prerequisites: German 205B and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities required for non-majors.

Introduction to literary study in German, with selected readings representative of different periods and genres.

320. German Film (3)

Two lectures and two hours of activity.

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.

Masterpieces of German film. Emphasis on social, political, and cultural changes in modern Germany. Taught in English.

420. Modern German Civilization (3)

Prerequisites: German 200 and 205B.

Culture of German-speaking countries in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

496. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Prerequisites: German 310 (for literary topics) or 301 (for linguistics topics).

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

499. Special Study (1-3) I, II

Prerequisites: Fifteen upper division units in the major with an average of B (3.0) or better and consent of instructor. **Proof of completion of prerequisites required:** Copy of transcript.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES
(Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)

501. Translation (3)

Prerequisite: German 301.

Translation of a variety of texts from German to English and English to German.

505. Applied German Linguistics (3)

Prerequisite: German 301.

Linguistic study of modern German; integration of modern linguistic theory with the language classroom.

520. Modern German Literature (3)

Prerequisite: German 310.

Major authors and genres since Enlightenment.

530. Topics in German Literature (3)

Prerequisite: German 310.

Study of a movement, theme or genre of German literature, such as Romanticism, literature and film, literature of the Holocaust, women's literature, literature of the German Democratic Republic in retrospect. May be repeated with new title and content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units.

596. Topics in German Studies (3)

Prerequisite: German 310 (for literary topics) or 505 (for linguistics topics). **Proof of completion of prerequisite required:** Copy of transcript.

Topics in German language, literature, or linguistics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum combined credit of six units of 596 and 696 applicable to a 30-unit master's degree.

GRADUATE COURSES

Refer to Bulletin of the Graduate Division.

