

# 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.

## Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

## 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, 202, 205A, 205B. (21 units)

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

**Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement.** Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See page 81 in "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

**International Experience Requirement.** All German majors are required to complete an approved study abroad program in a German-speaking country consisting of a minimum of six units (90 hours). However, German majors are strongly encouraged to complete a more extensive abroad experience by participating in a semester or an academic year program. To fulfill the International Experience Requirement, German majors must enroll in a study abroad program approved by the department. Unapproved study abroad programs will not meet the international experience requirement for the major.

**Major.** A minimum of 27 upper division units to include German 300, 301, 304, 400, 430, and 12 units in upper division German. No more than one German course taught in English can apply to the major.

### Emphasis in German Studies

No minor is required with this emphasis.

**Preparation for the Major.** German 100A, 100B, 202, 205A and 205B. (21 units)

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

**Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement.** Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See page 81 in "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

**Major.** A minimum of 30 upper division units to include German 300, 301, 430; 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, 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 taught in German, nine units of which must be in upper division German courses. Any course taught in English needs department approval to apply to the minor requirements.

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.

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

Students electing the study of German to fulfill the language requirement for the bachelor of arts degree in liberal arts and sciences must successfully complete German 202 or 205A or 205B or the equivalent level of achievement. The usual sequence of coursework is German 100A, 100B, 202, 205A and 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 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 language requirement.

### Courses (GERMN)

Refer to *Courses and Curricula and University Policies* sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

#### 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 unless otherwise stated.**

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 202 may be taken concurrently with German 205A or 205B.

#### GERMN 100A. First Course in German (5) [GE] 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.

#### GERMN 100B. Second Course in German (5) [GE] 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.

#### GERMN 150. Introduction to German Studies (3) [GE]

Introduction to field of German studies with emphasis on cultural life of German-speaking communities and their impact worldwide on major artistic, intellectual, and cultural movements. Taught in English.

#### GERMN 202. Readings in German (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: German 100B.

Reading comprehension through intermediate-level cultural materials. May be taken concurrently with German 205A or 205B.

#### GERMN 205A. Third Course in German (4) [GE]

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.

#### GERMN 205B. Fourth Course in German (4) [GE]

Four lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisite: German 205A.

Continuation of German 205A. Practice of all language skills at intermediate level.

#### GERMN 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.**

#### GERMN 300. Readings in Contemporary German Culture (3) [GE]

Prerequisites: German 202 and 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. Not open to students who hold a degree from a secondary or post-secondary school in which the primary language of instruction is German.

#### GERMN 301. Grammar and Composition (3) [GE]

Prerequisites: German 202 and 205B. 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. Not open to students who hold a degree from a secondary or post-secondary school in which the primary language of instruction is German.

#### GERMN 304. Phonetics of Spoken German (3)

Three lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisites: German 202 and 205B.

Sounds and intonation of German.

**GERMN 320. German Film (3) [GE]**

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.

**GERMN 340. German Linguistics (3)**

Prerequisite: German 301.

German linguistics with focus on varieties of German language to include: history of German, phonetics, phonology, syntax, morphology, semantics, pragmatics, applied linguistics and sociolinguistics.

**GERMN 400. German Studies Through the Media (3)**

Prerequisite: German 300 or 301.

Society and institutions of German-speaking regions through spoken and written texts from the media. Emphasis on topics of importance for business, communications, and German area studies.

**GERMN 430. German Civilization (3)**

Prerequisites: German 202 and 205B.

Artistic, intellectual, and cultural movements of the German-speaking regions, while building on advanced language skills. May be repeated with new title and content. Maximum credit six units.

**GERMN 495. German Internship (3) Cr/NC**

Prerequisites: Upper division standing in major and consent of instructor.

Practical work experience in a field related to German studies. Work done under joint direction of activity sponsor and instructor. Approved international internships may count towards international experience requirement for major.

**GERMN 496. Experimental Topics (1-4)**

Prerequisites: German 300 (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.

**GERMN 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)**

**GERMN 501. Translation (3)**

Prerequisites: German 300 and 301.

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

**GERMN 505. Applied German Linguistics (3)**

Prerequisite: German 301 or 304.

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

**GERMN 520. Modern German Literature (3)**

Prerequisites: German 300 and 301.

Major authors and genres since Enlightenment.

**GERMN 596. Topics in German Studies (3)**

Prerequisites: German 300 and 301. **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 the *Graduate Bulletin*.**

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