

The Department of Modern Languages

The Major in German Studies

Faculty Advisor

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Required Units: 93

Prerequisites

Intermediate-level proficiency in German. Students who arrive at Carnegie Mellon with previous language study and / or who have high Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or internal placement exam scores may begin coursework toward the major early in their undergraduate career. Study abroad is highly recommended. In all cases, progress will be accelerated by study abroad, which is highly recommended for all majors. (Study abroad advisor - Dr. Gabi Eichmanns Maier, eichgabi@andrew.cmu.edu)

**Students may double count four courses taken for the German Studies major that is also being used to fulfill the requirements of other majors, minors, and programs. This does not include double-counting with General Education requirements.*

1. Core Courses in German

27 units

Complete all three courses.*

82-320 Contemporary Society in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland

82-323 20th Century Germany, Austria, and Switzerland

82-327 The Emergence of the German-speaking World

*A 400-level course may be substituted with the major advisor's approval.

2. Core Courses in Modern Languages

12 units

Complete one 9-unit course in Modern Languages, plus the senior seminar (3 units) in spring of the senior year.

82-280 Bilingual & Bicultural Experiences in the US

82-281 Tutoring for Community Outreach

82-282 Community Service Learning

82-283 Language Diversity and Cultural Identity

82-383 Second Language Acquisition: Theories and Research

82-358 Literacies Across Language and Culture

82-388 Understanding Second Language Fluency

82-480 Social and Cognitive Aspects of Bilingualism

82-580 Senior Seminar (3 units)

N.B. In consultation with the major advisor, students may substitute a Modern Languages course elective with one related to language analysis, language learning, or the acquisition of language and culture from the listings in German Studies or from another department. Examples: 80-180 Nature of Language, 85-421 Language and Thought.

3. German Studies and Interdisciplinary Electives

54 units

Complete five courses (45 units) from List A and one (9 units) from List B, or a minimum of three courses (27 units) from List A and one or two courses (9-18 units) from List B in consultation with the major advisor. The student may complete an additional 3 units of coursework in German to allow a List B elective to count as a List A elective, with permission of the major advisor and the course instructor.

List A. German Studies Electives

82-420 German Classical Literature

82-421 German Literature of the Nineteenth Century

82-422 German Literature of the Early Twentieth Century

82-423 Postwar German Literature

82-425/426* Studies in German Literature and Culture

Past Topics: Heinrich von Kleist

Deutschland Erzählt!
Germany in the Age of Globalization
Herman Hesse
Road to Reunification

- 82-427 Nazi and Resistance Culture (when taken with a German language component)
- 82-428 History of German Film (when taken with a German language component)
- 82-429 German Reading and Translation Workshop
- 82-505 Undergraduate Internship
- 82-521/522* Special Topics: German

*Students may repeat these courses with new topics.

List B. Interdisciplinary Electives

From possibilities such as but not limited to the following. Students should consult OLR and their major advisor for the most up to date interdisciplinary electives appropriate for the German Studies curriculum. Courses may be suggested to the major advisor for approval as a substitute. Note that not all courses are offered each semester.

Architecture

- 48-338 European Cities in the XIX Century: Planning, Architecture, Preservation
- 48-340 Modern Architecture and Theory 1900-1945
- 48-350 Postwar Modern Architecture and Theory

English

- 76-239 Introduction to Film Studies
- 76-386 Language & Culture
- 76-387 Narrative & Argument
- 76-483 Corpus Analysis in Rhetoric

History

- 79-205 20th Century Europe
- 79-208 Europe's Two Revolutions: Dynamics of Change in the 19th Century
- 79-256 20th Century Germany
- 79-257 Germany and Second World War
- 79-349 The Holocaust in Historical Perspective

Modern Languages

- 82-227 Germany and the European Union
- 82-280 Bilingual & Bicultural Experiences in the US
- 82-281 Tutoring for Community Outreach
- 82-282 Community Service Learning
- 82-283 Language Diversity and Cultural Identity
- 82-358 Literacies Across Language and Culture
- 82-383 Second Language Acquisition: Theories and Research
- 82-388 Understanding Second Language Fluency
- 82-427 Nazi and Resistance Culture (when taken entirely in English)
- 82-428 History of German Film (when taken entirely in English)
- 82-480 Social and Cognitive Aspects of Bilingualism

Music

- 57-306 World Music

Philosophy

- 80-136 Social Structure
- 80-180 Nature of Language
- 80-251 Modern Philosophy
- 80-253 Continental Philosophy
- 80-256 Modern Moral Philosophy
- 80-275 Metaphysics

80-280 Linguistic Analysis
 80-283 It Matters How You Say It
 80-380 Philosophy of Language

Psychology

85-375 Cross Cultural Psychology
 85-421 Language and Thought

Social and Decision Sciences

88-326 Theories of International Relations

4. Oral Proficiency Interview

Complete an oral proficiency interview. At the latest, this exam should be scheduled by midterm of the senior spring semester. Students are permitted to retake the test.

Study Abroad

A semester or year of study abroad is strongly recommended. Consult with your advisor and the Office of International Education (OIE) about possible options.

Senior Honors Thesis

In addition, majors are encouraged to undertake a Senior Honors Thesis (82-591/592 Modern Languages Honors Thesis or 66-501/502 H&SS Senior Honors Thesis I, II). The Honors thesis program provides qualified seniors with a valuable opportunity to synthesize their academic and personal experiences and interests accumulated during their college years here and elsewhere (Prerequisite: a 3.5 QPA in German and a 3.25 QPA overall).

Sample Curriculum - German Studies (B.A.)

Junior Year		Senior Year	
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Contemporary Germany, Austria and Switzerland 82-320	Germany, Austria, and Switzerland in the 20th Century 82-323	German Studies Elective From List A	German Studies Elective From List A
The Emergence of the German-Speaking World 82-327	Interdisciplinary Elective From List B	German Studies Elective From List A	German Studies Elective From List A or Interdisciplinary Elective From List B
ML core course or equivalent approved by advisor	Elective	German Studies Elective From List A or Interdisciplinary Elective From List B	Senior Seminar 82-580
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
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This is presented as a two-year (junior-senior) plan for completing the major requirements. It is intended to show that this program can be completed in as few as two years, not that it must be. Students may enter their major and begin major course requirements as early as the start of the sophomore year, and in some instances in the first year. Students should consult their advisor when planning their program.

This plan is also an example of the suggested sequence of study for students who have had little or no prior exposure to the language. Such students would need to satisfy the prerequisites (elementary and intermediate language study) during their freshman and sophomore years.