The undergraduate major in German Studies promotes not just language proficiency but an understanding of the German culture. Students who arrive at Carnegie Mellon with previous language study and/or who have high Advanced Placement, an International Baccalaureate, or internal placement exam scores will be able to begin taking courses toward the major earlier in their undergraduate program. In all cases, progress toward the major will be accelerated by study abroad, which is highly recommended.

Outside the classroom, there are activities to promote language practice, for example, at language tables, coffee hours, and through visits with native speakers.

At all levels, students study language and gain awareness of diverse cultures through an approach that gives explicit attention to both content and skill-building. Students are offered a wide range of opportunities to study languages and cultures, to enhance their knowledge and appreciation of traditions, customs, and issues while building their proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading and writing. Through studying the languages and worlds of others, our students gain a valuable international perspective that enhances their life personally and professionally in our multicultural society.

This is a suggested schedule for the first 2 years for a Primary Major. It is also available as an Additional Major and a Minor.

The remainder of the Major and GenEd can be completed in the junior and senior year.

*Students who place out of elementary (100) level language courses via Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or Carnegie Mellon internal placement test results may start their language study at the intermediate (200) level. Students who place out of the intermediate level language courses, may start their language study at the advanced (300) level. However, they must then take two 300-level courses rather than just one. [https://www.cmu.edu/dietrich/modlang/undergraduate/placement/index.html](https://www.cmu.edu/dietrich/modlang/undergraduate/placement/index.html)

**Elective: This space can be used for a pre-requisite course, another GenEd course, major course, or for a course you are interested in.

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