The Department of Modern Languages
The Major in German Studies

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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
Linguistic Analysis
80-280

It Matters How You Say It
80-380

Philosophy of Language
80-283

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.)

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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.