

German Language and Literature (GER)

Major and Minor in

German Language and Literature

Department of European Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, College of Arts and Sciences

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Minors of particular interest to students majoring in German: Business Management (BUS), Comparative Literature (CLT), Economics (ECO), English (EGL), History (HIS), International Studies (INT), Linguistics (LIN), Medieval Studies (MVL), Philosophy (PHI), Political Science (POL), other languages

Faculty

Please see the faculty listing in the entry for the Department of European Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.

The major in German is part of a liberal education and concerns itself primarily with the language, literature, and culture of the German-speaking countries. In a time of continuing political consolidation within the European Union and increasing cooperation between member nations in trade and commerce, technology and science, the environment, and the arts, a mastery of German and a deeper understanding of its societies and cultures can open opportunities for personal development and prepare students for diverse professional careers. The program places the study of German and its literature in the context of its culture, including its political, historical, and economic aspects.

The major in German is flexibly designed to permit emphasis on language, literature, or area studies. Students graduating with a major in German have found careers and job opportunities in international transportation, tourism, foreign trade and banking, government, science and technology, as well as in teaching and library sciences. For majors in the sciences, humanities, and social sciences, knowledge of German is important in international science and in areas of employment within the expanding East-West trade. It is often desired for admission to graduate school and for advanced graduate study in many disciplines.

Courses Offered in German

See the Course Descriptions listing in this *Bulletin* for complete information.

GER 101 Intensive Elementary German

GER 111, 112 Elementary German I, II

GER 211, 212 Intermediate German I, II

GER 311, 312 German Conversation and Composition I, II

GER 313 German Vocabulary in Conceptual Groups

GER 343-G Introduction to Literary Genres

GER 344-G Survey of German Literature

GER 401 German Drama

GER 402 German Prose

GER 403 German Poetry

GER 404 Goethezeit

GER 411, 412 Advanced German Conversation and Composition I, II

GER 420 Special Topics in German Literature

GER 431, 432 Business German I, II

GER 438 Structure of German

GER 439 History of German

GER 447 Directed Readings in German

GER 475, 476 Undergraduate Teaching Practica in German I, II

GER 488 Internship

GER 495 Senior Honors Project in German

Courses Offered in German Literature and Culture Taught in English

See the Course Descriptions listing in this *Bulletin* for complete information.

HUG 221-D German Cinema Since 1945

HUG 229-I Germany Today

HUG 321-G Topics in the Literature of Germany

HUG 475 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum I

HUG 476 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum II

Placement in Language Courses for Incoming Students

The prerequisites for courses indicate approximate placement levels. One year of high school foreign language is generally considered the equivalent of one college semester. Students are advised to consult the director of undergraduate studies if they believe the recommended course is inappropriate.

Requirements for the Major in German Language and Literature (GER)

The major in German Language and Literature leads to the Bachelor of Arts degree. No previous knowledge of the language is required. All courses offered for the major must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher. Transfer students must complete at least 18 credits toward the major at Stony Brook.

Completion of the major requires 36 credits.

1. HUG 229 Germany Today
2. GER 343 Introduction to Literary Genres
3. GER 344 Survey of German Literature
4. GER 311, 312 German Conversation and Composition I, II
5. GER 313 German Vocabulary in Conceptual Groups
6. GER 438 Structure of German
7. GER 439 History of German
8. 12 additional credits to be chosen from among: GER 401 or higher; HUG 221, 321; HIS 311, 312; MVL 241; or POL 307
9. Upper-division writing requirement: To demonstrate proficiency in writing in English, German majors must present a dossier consisting of a minimum of two papers of at least five pages each. This dossier must be submitted before the end of the second semester of the junior year

to the program coordinator. The papers must be essays previously composed for upper-division courses. Those originally in a foreign language must be rewritten in English. A faculty committee will judge the papers for clarity, accuracy, and appropriateness of style.

If the dossier is judged to be unsatisfactory, the student will be asked to rewrite and resubmit the work in the senior year. Students must demonstrate acceptable writing skills before they graduate.

Foreign Language Secondary Teacher Education Program

See the Education and Teacher Certification entry in the alphabetical listings of Approved Majors, Minors, and Programs.

Requirements for the Minor in German (GER)

For students majoring in other disciplines, a German minor, below, is available with two choices of emphasis. Students must complete Emphasis A or Emphasis B.

All upper-division courses in German offered to fulfill minor requirements below must be passed with a grade of C or higher. At least nine of the upper-division credits must be earned at Stony Brook.

Completion of the minor requires 21 credits.

A. Emphasis on German Language and Literature

1. HUG 229 Germany Today
2. GER 343 Introduction to Literary Genres
3. GER 344 Survey of German Literature
4. GER 311, 312 German Conversation and Composition I, II
5. GER 313 German Vocabulary in Conceptual Groups
6. GER 438 Structure of German

B. Emphasis on German Language and Area Studies

1. HUG 229 Germany Today
2. GER 311, 312 German Conversation and Composition I, II
3. GER 438 Structure of German
4. POL 307 Politics in Germany
5. HIS 311 The Rise of Imperial Germany, 1806-1890
6. HIS 312 From Empire to Third Reich: Germany, 1890-1945

Sample Course Sequence for the Major in German Language and Literature

Freshman Fall	Credits
First Year Seminar 101	1
D.E.C. A	3
GER 111	4
HUG 229*	3
D.E.C.	3
D.E.C.	3
Total	17

Spring	Credits
First Year Seminar 102	1
D.E.C. A	3
GER 112	4
D.E.C.	3
D.E.C.	3
Total	14

Sophomore Fall	Credits
GER 211	3
HIS 311* or HUG course	3
D.E.C.	3
D.E.C.	3
Elective	3
Total	15

Spring	Credits
GER 212	3
HIS 312* or HUG course	3
D.E.C.	3
D.E.C.	3
Upper-Division elective	3
Total	15

Junior Fall	Credits
GER 311*	3
GER 343*	3
D.E.C.	3
Upper-Division elective.	3
Upper-Division elective	3
Total	15

Spring	Credits
GER 312*	3
GER 344*	3
GER 438*	3
Upper-Division elective	3
Elective	3
Total	15

Senior Fall	Credits
GER 401*	3
GER 403*	3
D.E.C.	3
Upper-Division elective	3
Upper-Division elective	3
Total	15

Spring	Credits
GER 402*	3
GER 404*	3
GER 439*	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Total	15

*Fulfills requirement for the major.

Honors Program in German

To be eligible, majors must have a cumulative g.p.a. of 3.00 and a g.p.a. of 3.50 in German through the junior year. An eligible student, with the approval of a faculty member who will serve as thesis advisor, must submit a written thesis proposal to the Department's honors committee. Students selected enroll in GER 495 for the semester in which the thesis is written. The thesis is evaluated by the thesis advisor, another member of the Department, and a third reader from outside the Department. For further information and deadlines for submission, consult the director of undergraduate studies.