German Studies - Master of Arts (MA)

Students wishing to pursue the interdisciplinary master’s in German should read the Master’s Degree Requirements (catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/degree-requirements/masters-degree-requirements) section of this catalog carefully.

Concurrent Degree Program
BA/MA in German Studies
The concurrent BA/MA degree in German Studies recognizes the need for master’s-level training upon entering the job market in a variety of sectors that call for highly advanced proficiency in the German language, knowledge of German-speaking central Europe and its cultures, and the skills afforded to BA and MA graduates in the humanities (research, analysis, interpretation, translation, communication).

The degree gives highly motivated BA students the opportunity to earn an MA degree using an accelerated undergraduate program in combination with a fifth year of study. Applications can be obtained in the Germanic and Slavic office (McKenna 129). It is recommended that applications be turned in by the spring semester of the sophomore year.

Students must have an overall 3.25 GPA to apply to the program, and should have completed most of their MAPS/core requirements by the end of their sophomore year. No GRE is required.

For more information, visit the Concurrent BA/MA Degree in German Studies (http://www.colorado.edu/gsll/german/undergraduate/concurrent-bama-degree-german-studies) webpage.

Dual Degree Program
MBA/MA in German Studies
To support the university’s mission of advancing knowledge across disciplines, the Leeds School of Business and the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures offer a dual degree, Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts in German Studies. In most cases, students should be able to complete the dual degree in three years with a total of 70 credit hours.

Prospective students must apply to and meet the application and admission requirements for each program separately. See the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures (http://www.colorado.edu/gsll/german/graduate) website to apply to the German Studies MA program, and the Leeds School of Business (http://www.colorado.edu/business/mba) website to apply to the MBA program.

Requirements
Program Requirements
Students applying to the MA degree are expected to have a BA or equivalent in German or BA-level proficiency in German with a BA in a related field, and should have a general knowledge of the German-speaking countries’ literature, history and culture.

The master’s degree requires either 24 credit hours of approved course work and a master’s thesis (6 credit hours) or 30 credit hours of course work without thesis, and reading knowledge of one modern foreign language in addition to German and English.

All German MA students must take Theory and Practice of German Studies (GRMN 5010). All German teaching assistants must also take Applied Linguistics and Foreign Language Teaching Methodology (GRMN 5020). For specific requirements, visit the department’s German MA (http://www.colorado.edu/gsll/german/graduate/ma) webpage.

Degree Plans
Plan I: Thesis Option (Standard Option)
The thesis option requires 30 credit hours, including 24 hours of course work and 6 thesis hours. A maximum of 6 credit hours may be completed at the 3000 or 4000 level at the discretion of the associate chair of graduate studies. A maximum of 6 hours of independent study course work may be taken with the approval of the associate chair of graduate studies.

Plan II: Non-Thesis Option
The non-thesis option requires 30 credit hours of course work. A maximum of 6 credit hours may be completed at the 3000 or 4000 level at the discretion of the associate chair of graduate studies. A maximum of 6 hours of independent study course work may be taken with the approval of the associate chair of graduate studies.

Language Requirement
Students must have reading knowledge of a second foreign language in order to receive their MA in German. This requirement may be fulfilled by two college-level semesters of a foreign language, an approved study abroad program or a course in reading knowledge of a foreign language. Students should consult with the associate chair of graduate studies at the beginning of their first semester to discuss procedures. The department recommends that this requirement be fulfilled in the first year of study.