GERMAN STUDIES - MASTER OF ARTS (MA)

The department offers an interdisciplinary MA in German studies, focusing on German-speaking central European society from the Enlightenment to the present. In addition to expertise in German literature, the faculty’s interdisciplinary strengths include comparative literature, philosophy, social and political theory, film, cultural studies, intellectual history, art history, gender studies, Jewish studies and translation. To get a better idea of the department’s areas of specialization, prospective students are encouraged to consult the list of recent graduate seminars and the profiles of the graduate faculty and expanded graduate faculty. The faculty works closely with students to design their own course of study. Most German MA students receive a teaching assistantship and tuition waiver. The graduate associate chair of German welcomes email inquiries about the program. For contact information and more general information on the MA in German studies, please visit the program’s website (http://www.colorado.edu/gsll).

Students wishing to pursue the interdisciplinary master’s in German should read the requirements tab (p. 1) of this catalog carefully.

Education Abroad

Universities of Göttingen and Regensburg

One year (10 months) of study, from mid-October to the end of July.

- Number of positions: One at each university.
- Benefits: Matriculation plus a monthly stipend for living expenses, and housing in a dorm.
- Note: German citizens are not eligible for the Regensburg exchange program, but are eligible for the Göttingen exchange program.

For more information on graduate exchange programs in Germany, visit the department website (https://www.colorado.edu/gsll/german/graduate/ma). For specific requirements, visit the department’s German MA program, and the Leeds School of Business website to apply to the MBA program.

For more information on any Education Abroad programs, scholarships and application information, contact the Office of International Education, UCB 123, Boulder, CO 80309, (303) 492-7741. Alternatively, you can visit their website at Education Abroad (http://abroad.colorado.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent_ID=0&Link_ID=6E1E909F-9011-F4D1-DA01962CC1E53067).

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 coursework and a master’s thesis (6 credit hours) or 30 credit hours of coursework 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 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 coursework 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 coursework 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 coursework. 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 coursework 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.

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) 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.