

GERMAN STUDIES - BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

The major in German studies is an interdisciplinary program focusing on study of the literary, artistic and philosophical aspects of German culture in the past and the present; the major historical events and developments in Germany and its neighboring countries; and the current political institutions and dynamics in Germany within the broader European framework.

Education Abroad

The department strongly recommends that all majors take part in study abroad and offers competitive scholarships to support study abroad. The university offers study abroad programs in Regensburg (academic year or spring semester) and Berlin (academic year, fall, spring or summer semester and internship). Please consult with the major advisor. (<https://www.colorado.edu/alc/christine-luft/>) For more information on study abroad programs, visit the Education Abroad (<http://abroad.colorado.edu/>) website

Requirements

Program Requirements

Students must complete the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences and the required courses listed below.

The major requirement in German studies is 32 hours beyond GRMN 1020 (with grades of C- or above). Students design their own major in consultation with the undergraduate advisor and a faculty mentor. At least 18 hours taken toward the major must be completed at the 3000 or 4000 level.

NOTE: GRMN 4550 *must* be taken at CU Boulder.

Required Courses and Credits

Code	Title	Credit Hours
German Language Courses		14-17
German language courses above GRMN 1020, to include either GRMN 3020 or GRMN 3030 (or both).		
GRMN 2010 & GRMN 2020	Intermediate German 1 and Intermediate German 2	
or		
GRMN 2030	Intensive Intermediate German	
Upper-division German Language courses:		
GRMN 3010	Advanced German 1	
GRMN 3020 or GRMN 3030	Advanced German 2 ¹ Business German	
GRMN 4010	Advanced German III ¹	
Senior Seminar		3
GRMN 4550	Senior Seminar in German Studies	
German Culture, Literature and Other Electives		12-15
Take at least 4 German literature/culture courses. At least 2 courses must be upper division, and at least 2 must be taught in the German language.		
<i>Courses Taught in German</i>		
Select at least two of the following:		

GRMN 3110	German Literature from the Avant-garde to the Postmodern
GRMN 3120	German Literature from the Enlightenment to Expressionism
GRMN 3130	Issues in German Philosophy and Literature
GRMN 3140	Current Issues in German Literature
GRMN 3150	Issues in German Politics and Literature
GRMN 3520	Open Topics in the Cultural Context
GRMN 3900	Independent Study
GRMN 3930	Internship
GRMN 4330	The Age of Goethe
GRMN 4340	Seminar in German Literature
GRMN 4450	Methods of Teaching German
<i>Courses Taught in English</i>	
FYSM 1000	First Year Seminar (Topic "Uncertainty")
GRMN 1601	Germany Today
GRMN 1602	Metropolis and Modernity
GRMN 1701	Nature and Environment in German Literature and Thought
GRMN 2301	Inside Nazi Germany: Politics, Culture, and Everyday Life in the Third Reich
GRMN 2501	Miniatures of Modern Life: Introduction to Short Fiction
GRMN 2502	Representing the Holocaust
GRMN 2503	Fairy Tales of Germany
GRMN 2601	Kafka and the Kafkaesque
GRMN 2603	Moral Dilemmas in Philosophy and Literature
GRMN 3141	Topics in Modern German Culture and Society
GRMN 3301	Modern Art and Design at the Bauhaus
GRMN 3401	The German Experience in North America
GRMN 3501	The German-Jewish Experience: From the Enlightenment to the Present
GRMN 3502	Literature in the Age of Goethe
GRMN 3503	German Film Through World War II
GRMN 3504	Topics in German Film
GRMN 3505	The Enlightenment: Tolerance and Emancipation
GRMN 3506	Tracing the Criminal: Crime in 19th C Society and Culture
GRMN 3507	Engineering and the Practice of Literature
GRMN 3508	Masters of Suspicion: Marx, Nietzsche, Freud
GRMN 3513	German Film and Society 1945-1989
GRMN 3514	German Film & Society After 1989
GRMN 3601	German Women Writers
GRMN 3681	Refugees in German Culture
GRMN 3702	Dada and Surrealist Literature
GRMN 3802	Politics and Culture in Berlin 1900-1939
GRMN 4231	Sex, Love and Marriage in Literature and Philosophy

GRMN 4251	Marxism
GRMN 4301	Gender, Race and Immigration in Germany and Europe
GRMN 4501	Seminar: Literature in Cultural Context
GRMN 4502	Nietzsche: Literature and Values
GRMN 4503	Issues in German Thought
GRMN 4504	Goethe's Faust
JWST 4544	History of Yiddish Culture
Total Credit Hours	32-35

- ¹ Students have the option of taking the exam Goethe-Zertifikat B1 or B2 in GRMN 3020 and the Goethe-Zertifikat B2 or C1 in GRMN 4010.
- ² With the approval of the German program faculty advisor, one course from another department may be taken in lieu of one of the four courses, provided that the course has a direct link to German studies.
- ³ GRMN 4450 and GRMN 4460 can be taken with faculty approval and in most cases only after full admission to the teacher education program in the School of Education.

Secondary Teacher Certification Program

In addition to other requirements as stated by CU Boulder's School of Education, the following courses are required for students in the secondary teacher certification program:

- GRMN 4450 Methods of Teaching German (3)
- GRMN 4460 High School German Teaching (6)

Study Abroad

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Graduating in Four Years

Consult the Four-Year Guarantee Requirements for information on eligibility. The concept of "adequate progress" as it is used here only refers to maintaining eligibility for the four-year guarantee; it is not a requirement for the major. To maintain adequate progress in German studies, students should meet the following requirements:

- Begin to study the language in the freshman year, or have received AP credit.
- In consultation with the major advisor before the end of the drop/add period in the first semester, plan a tentative schedule of courses to be taken over eight semesters.
- Discuss progress toward the degree each semester with the major advisor.

NOTE: Although these requirements apply only in cases in which students are seeking to graduate under the terms of the four-year guarantee, they are good advice for all majors. Consult the major advisor about the major at any time.

Recommended Four-Year Plan of Study

Through the required coursework for the major, students will complete all 12 credit hours of the Arts & Humanities area of the Gen Ed Distribution Requirement.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Year One		
GRMN 1010 and GRMN 1020 (8 credit hours) or GRMN 1030 (5 credit hours) which does not count toward the major ¹		8
One lower-division GRMN literature or culture course		3
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: QRMS)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Social Sciences/US Perspective)		3
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Lower-division Written Communication)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences with Lab)		4
Elective/MAPS		3
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Credit Hours		30

Year Two		
GRMN 2010 & GRMN 2020 or GRMN 2030	Intermediate German 1 ^{1,2} or Intensive Intermediate German	8
One GRMN literature or culture course		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Social Sciences/Global Perspective)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		32

Year Three		
Study Abroad recommended		
GRMN 3010 & GRMN 3020 or GRMN 3030	Advanced German 1 or Business German	6
Upper-division GRMN literature or culture course taught in German or English		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Upper-division Written Communication)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences)		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		30

Year Four		
GRMN 4010	Advanced German III	3
GRMN 4550	Senior Seminar in German Studies	3

Two Upper-Division GRMN literature or culture courses taught in German	6
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences)	3
Upper-division Elective	3
Upper-division Elective	3
Upper-division Elective	3
Upper-division Elective	3
Credit Hours	30
Total Credit Hours	122

- ¹ Students who take intensive language courses (GRMN 1030 or GRMN 2030) may fulfill their additional language credits with GRMN 3030 or GRMN 4010.
- ² Or placement credit. Students who place out of beginning and intermediate language requirements should see the major requirements for further flexible options.

Learning Outcomes

The following areas of knowledge are central to the undergraduate degree in German studies:

- An awareness of the fundamental outlines of German history and culture.
- Familiarity with the history of modern German literature from 1750 to the present.
- Familiarity with developments in modern German-speaking Central Europe in art, cinema, architecture, law, science and technology.
- The ability to critically examine such issues as the Nazi era and the Holocaust, migration, gender, disability, racial and ethnic difference, and Germany's place in the European Union.

In addition, students completing the degree in German studies are expected to acquire:

- The ability to read German at a level at which critical literary and cultural analyses can be performed.
- The ability to write and speak German sufficiently to participate in critical discussions and write critical essays.
- The ability to speak and comprehend German well enough to participate in all situations in daily life, including cultural, educational, business and professional sectors of German life.

Bachelor's–Accelerated Master's Degree Program(s)

The Bachelor's–Accelerated Master's (BAM) degree program options offer currently enrolled CU Boulder undergraduate students the opportunity to receive a bachelor's and master's degree in a shorter period of time. Students receive the bachelor's degree first, but begin taking graduate coursework as undergraduates (typically in their senior year). Because some courses are allowed to double count for both the bachelor's and the master's degrees, students receive a master's degree in less time and at a lower cost than if they were to enroll in a stand-alone master's degree program after completion of their baccalaureate degree. In addition, staying at CU Boulder to pursue a bachelor's–accelerated master's program enables students to continue working with their established faculty mentors.

BA and MA in German

The concurrent BAM 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 the 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.

For more information, visit the department's Concurrent BAM Degree in German Studies (<http://www.colorado.edu/gsl/german/undergraduate/concurrent-bama-degree-german-studies/>) webpage.

Admissions Requirements

In order to gain admission to the BAM program named above, students must have an overall GPA of 3.25 or higher, and should have completed most of their MAPS/Gen Ed requirements by the end of their sophomore year. No GRE is required. It is recommended that applications be turned in by the spring semester of the sophomore year.

Students should apply for the German BAM online. Before filling out the online application, complete the German BAM Application (<https://www.colorado.edu/gsl/german-bam-application/>). The German BAM application should be uploaded to the online application, along with an unofficial CU transcript. Students should apply using the BAM Intent Application. (https://www.colorado.edu/registrar/students/degree-planning/bam-program/#applying_to_a_bam_degree_program-881)

Program Requirements

Students may take up to and including 12 hours while in the undergraduate program which can later be used toward the master's degree. However, only 6 credits may be double counted toward the bachelor's degree and the master's degree. Students must apply to graduate with the bachelor's degree, and apply to continue with the master's degree, early in the semester in which the undergraduate requirements will be completed.

If you are interested in the BAM degree program, please contact the German MA program (<https://www.colorado.edu/gsl/german/graduate/>) for more information.