**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.

**Study 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 or summer semester). Please consult with the major advisor. 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**

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<td>German Culture, Literature and Other Electives: GRMN 4501 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 Courses Taught in English FYSM 1000 First Year Seminar (Section 032 &quot;Uncertainty&quot;) 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 2401 The German Experience in North America 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 Kafkasque GRMN 2603 Moral Dilemmas in Philosophy and Literature 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 3513 German Film and Society 1945-1989 GRMN 3514 German Film &amp; Society After 1989 GRMN 3601 German Women Writers GRMN 3702 Dada and Surrealist Literature 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</td>
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## JWST 4544 History of Yiddish Culture

**Total Credit Hours**: 32-35

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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

The department recommends that all majors take part in study abroad. The university’s program in Regensburg provides an academic year and spring semester study abroad program. The Berlin program offers an academic year and a summer study abroad opportunity. Please consult with a faculty advisor and visit the Education Abroad (http://abroad.colorado.edu) website for program-specific information. Scholarships are available to help cover the costs of study abroad.

## 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 or Russian 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 program 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 program advisor about the major at any time.

## Recommended Four-Year Plan of Study

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

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## Course Title Credit Hours

- Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: QRMS) 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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<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.
Students who take intensive language courses (GRMN 1030 or GRMN 2030) may fulfill their additional language credits with GRMN 3030 or GRMN 4010.

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.

Admissions Requirements
In order to gain admission to the BAM program named above, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher
- Have completed a minimum of 75 credit hours of coursework
- Transfer students must have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours at CU Boulder

Applications can be obtained on the Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures website. It is recommended that applications be submitted the spring semester of the third year of study, but late applications will also be accepted.

Students should have completed most of their MAPS/core requirements by the end of their sophomore year. No GRE is required.

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 number of 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.1

If you are interested in the BAM degree program, please contact the German MA program for more information.

1 Students who were admitted prior to July 2019 follow a concurrent Bachelor's/Master's structure, and the two degrees are awarded simultaneously when requirements for both degrees are met.

For more information, visit the department's Concurrent BAM Degree in German Studies webpage.