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.

Requirements

Learning Outcomes

The following objectives are central to the undergraduate degree in German studies:

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 BAM degree program 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 and 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 webpage (http://www.colorado.edu/gsll/german/undergraduate/concurrent-bama-degree-german-studies/).

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/gsll/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.

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/gsll/german/graduate/) for more information.