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Major: German

Degrees Offered: M.A., Ph.D.
Graduate Concentration: Medieval Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/medieval-studies/#concentrationtext) (available to all degrees), Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/slate) (Ph.D. only)

Graduate Degree Programs
The Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures offers graduate programs leading to the degrees of Master of Arts in German, and Doctor of Philosophy in German. Students in the department may choose an additional specialization in Cultural Studies and Interpretive Research (http://www.germanic.illinois.edu/graduate) or a concentration in Medieval Studies. Candidates for the Ph.D. in German may additionally obtain a certificate in Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (http://www.slate.uiuc.edu) (SLATE Certificate).

Admission
Applicants should apply online (www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/) and submit a statement of purpose, three letters of recommendation and a sample of their written work in English or German or both. For admission to the Master of Arts program, the writing sample might be a term paper, and for admission to the doctoral level, a master's thesis or seminar paper. Original transcripts (with English translations if applicable) showing all undergraduate and graduate work completed should be sent to:

SLCL Graduate Student Services
3070 Foreign Languages Bldg.
707 S. Mathews Ave.
Urbana, IL 61801

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are required. The applicant should ask the ETS to submit scores to institution 1836. Applicants whose native language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and must score at least 79 on the internet-based test (iBT); they must also pass the speaking sub-section of the iBT with a minimum score of 24 (see www.grad.illinois.edu/Admissions/instructions/04c (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/Admissions/instructions/04c).

Graduate Teaching Experience
Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program, and all students teach. Non-native English speakers must first pass a test of their oral English ability (see www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm)).

Research Interests
The department faculty includes nationally and internationally recognized scholars in all areas of research within the field, from older and modern German language, literature, and culture to Scandinavian languages, literatures and cultures. Some of the current research areas of faculty encompass (but are not limited to) Arctic Studies, Literature and Music, Literature and Medicine, Migration and Multilingualism, Film and Visual Studies, Digital Humanities, Memory Studies, and Intersectional Studies of Race, Gender, and Sexuality. We offer courses on topics in German and Scandinavian languages, literatures, and cultures across all periods, including historical and synchronic Germanic linguistics, and German language pedagogy. The University Library has one of the nation’s outstanding collections of works pertaining to study and research in Germanic literatures of all periods and in Germanic and general linguistics.

Financial Aid
All students accepted into the program have financial support, usually in the form of a Teaching Assistantship (see www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm)).

For continuing graduate students, the awarding of financial aid of all types is contingent upon making satisfactory progress toward a degree.

Master of Arts in German
Applicants should have completed undergraduate studies similar to the concentration in German at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, have a grade point average of 3.0 (A = 4.0) for the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework, and be able to follow lectures in the German language. Acquaintance with German history and culture in their relation to the general European background is desirable. Admission to the program is on a competitive basis.

Candidates for the Master of Arts degree may emphasize either German literature or linguistics. All candidates must take courses in both literature and linguistics.

Thesis Option

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Language Requirement: proficiency in reading one language other than English and German.
Candidates for the Ph.D. in German may specialize in older German literature, modern German literature, Germanic linguistics, or Scandinavian literature.

Students working toward the Ph.D. degree must have completed all requirements for the Master of Arts degree given above and must complete an additional 40 graduate hours of coursework approved by the graduate adviser. At least 32 graduate hours must be for courses in Germanic Languages and Literatures. No more than 8 hours of credit in 400 level courses beyond those presented for the M.A. will be counted toward these ten units. The 40 hours may include up to 4 hours of GER 593, but may not include any credit for GER 496 for work taken as independent study. Residence requirements are those of the Graduate College.

One course in German or Scandinavian literature before 1500

One course in German literature since 1500

One course in German, Germanic, or Scandinavian linguistics

GER 582 Theories of German Lang Tchg

GER 515 & GER 520 Middle High German and History of the German Language (unless completed during masters)

Course work electives at the 500 level (to total 40)

GER 593 Research in Special Topics (4 max hours applied toward degree)

Language Requirement: a reading knowledge of two research languages other than English and German

GER 599 Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)

Total Hours 68-72

Other Requirements 

Other requirements may overlap

Credit in GER 496 will not count toward degree requirements

Teaching of elementary or intermediate German (at least one half-time appointment as teaching assistant for one academic year).

Minimum Hours Required in the Unit: 32 (not including GER 599)

Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall: 72

Masters Degree Required for Admission to PhD?

Yes

Preliminary Exam Required

Yes

Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required

Yes

Dissertation Deposit Required

Yes

Minimum GPA: 3.0

1 For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s Website (http://www.germanic.illinois.edu/graduate) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).