GERMAN, PHD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in German

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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.
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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/).

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).

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.

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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)).

The department has contacts with a variety of universities and institutions in German-speaking countries; these cooperative endeavors also include arrangements for graduate students to study and teach abroad.

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