GERMANIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

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The Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures offers the following majors and minors along with study abroad programs:

The BALAS in Germanic Studies serves to develop competence in German or Scandinavian languages and cultures. Students will gain familiarity with the structure of the language and its use in the context of business, contemporary culture, intellectual history, literature, and science. Students specialize in one of the following concentrations:

- German Culture and Literature Concentration
- German Business and Commercial Studies Concentration
- German Linguistics Concentration
- Scandinavian Studies Concentration

The BA in the Teaching of German prepares student to teach in German.

The 5 year BALAS/MA in Germanic Studies allows students to receive two degrees, a BALAS in Germanic Languages and Literatures and an MA in German.

The minor in German offers students a background in the language through the advanced undergraduate level, an introduction to the study of German literary classics, and a knowledge of the history of German culture.

The minor in Scandinavian Studies offers students exposure to the study of a Scandinavian language and broad knowledge of Scandinavian culture, literature, film, art, and history.

The 5 Year BALAS/MA in German and European Union Studies allows students to receive two degrees, a BALAS in Germanic Studies and an MA in European Union Studies.

For the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Germanic Studies

Students must select one concentration in consultation with an adviser.

- German Culture and Literature Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/ias/academic-units/german/german-culture-lit-conc)
- German Business and Commercial Studies Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/ias/academic-units/german/german-business-commercial-conc)
- German Linguistics Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/ias/academic-units/german/linguistics-concentration)
- Scandinavian Studies Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/ias/academic-units/german/scandinavian-studies-concentration)

For the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in the Teaching of German

Curriculum Preparatory to the Teaching of German (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/ias/academic-units/german/curriculum-preparatory-teaching-german)

5 year BALAS/MA in Germanic Studies

The Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures offers a 5-year program leading to two degrees, a BALAS in Germanic Studies and an MA in German. In order to be admitted to this program, student can apply during their second or third year of studies. Requirements for this program are identical to those for the BALAS and the MA in the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures.

In order to be admitted to the 5-year BALAS/MA during their second year, students will need to be in good standing, have finished GER 211 and GER 331, have a general GPA of 3.0 and a German GPA of 3.0, and be required to write a short essay in German.

In order to apply for the 5-year BALAS/MA during their third year, students will have to have finished GER 401 and GER 420, have a general GPA of 3.0 and a German GPA of 3.0, and be required to write a short essay in German.

The department will continue to monitor the GPAs of students admitted to the BALAS/MA program into their third and fourth years and before formal admission to the Graduate College. The decision about students’ admission to the 5-year program will be made by the graduate admissions committee in conjunction with undergraduate and graduate advisors of the department. The Department will consider students in the fifth year of this program for departmental support as Teaching Assistants and Research Assistants, or for fellowships and scholarships.

The minimum total number of hours required for graduation from the BALAS/MA program is 152. Up to 12 hours not required for the BALAS (120 hours) taken during the fourth year can be used to meet the requirements for the MA (32 hours). Students admitted to the program will receive both degrees once all requirements for the 5-year BALAS/MA degree program have been successfully completed. More detailed information may be obtained from the departmental office.

5 Year BALAS/MA in German and European Union Studies

The Department of Germanic Languages & Literatures with the European Union Center offers a 5-year BALAS/MA degree program in German (including a Scandinavian Studies Concentration) and the Master of Arts in European Union Studies (MAEUS). In order to be admitted to this degree program, students apply through a joint application process to the BALAS-granting program and the European Union Center during their third year of studies. Requirements for this degree program are identical to those for the standalone BALAS and for the stand-alone MAEUS. Students will receive both degrees when the requirements are met for the degrees; the BALAS and MA degrees will be conferred separately and independently. More detailed information may be obtained from department and EUC offices.

- Minor in German (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/ias/academic-units/german/german-minor)
- Minor in Scandinavian Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/ias/academic-units/german/scandinavian-studies-minor)
GER Class Schedule (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/GER)

German Courses

GER 101  Beginning German I  credit: 4 Hours.
Oral practice, reading, and grammar for beginners.

GER 102  Beginning German II  credit: 4 Hours.
Continuation of GER 101. Prerequisite: One semester of college German or equivalent.

GER 103  Intermediate German I  credit: 4 Hours.
Continuation of GER 102. Prerequisite: Two semesters of college German or equivalent.

GER 104  Intermediate German II  credit: 4 Hours.
Continuation of GER 103. Prerequisite: Three semesters of college German or equivalent.

GER 189  Living German - German Living  credit: 1 Hour.
Practice in speaking German for students living in the German House. Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated to a maximum of 3 hours. Prerequisite: Elementary speaking knowledge of German.

GER 191  Freshman Honors Tutorial  credit: 1 to 3 Hours.
Study of selected topics on an individually arranged basis. Open only to honors majors or to Cohn Scholars and Associates. May be repeated once. Prerequisite: Consent of departmental honors advisor.

GER 199  Undergraduate Open Seminar  credit: 1 to 5 Hours.
Credit: 1 to 5 hours. May be repeated.

GER 200  German Literature in Trans  credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction to German literature for students with no knowledge of German. Same as CWL 224. May be repeated if topics vary.

GER 201  German Popular Culture  credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction to the study of modern and contemporary German culture through examining examples of popular culture from the late-eighteenth century to the present. Looks at texts and films as a mirror and critique of modern German society. Topics to be discussed: nationalism, gender, ethnicity, minority cultures, Jewish life in Germany, German images of other cultures, etc. Course taught in English.

GER 205  Germany and Europe  credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction into major issues in contemporary German society with a special focus on Germany's functioning within Europe and the European Union through novels, films, essays, interviews etc. Course taught in English.

GER 211  Conversation and Writing I  credit: 3 Hours.
Prerequisite: GER 104 or equivalent, or consent of instructor.

GER 212  Conversation and Writing II  credit: 3 Hours.
Continuation of GER 211. Prerequisite: GER 211 or equivalent, or consent of instructor.

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Continuation of GER 211. Prerequisite: GER 211 or equivalent, or consent of instructor.

GER 213  Conversation and Writing III  credit: 3 Hours.
Continuation of GER 212. Prerequisite: GER 212 or equivalent.

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GER 321 German for Economics  credit: 3 Hours.
German language as used in professional contexts involving economic matters: texts and documents relating to forms of enterprises and their financing, to macroeconomic structures of domestic and foreign trade, and to reports on the economies of German-speaking countries. Prerequisite: GER 320 or consent of instructor.

GER 331 Intro to German Literature  credit: 3 Hours.
Introductory study of representative works (prose, drama, lyric) by outstanding German, Austrian, and Swiss writers of the modern period. Prerequisite: Two years of college German or equivalent. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Lit Arts

GER 332 German Literature and Culture  credit: 3 Hours.
In German. Seminar in the literature and culture of German-speaking countries since 1750. Topic varies. Format: lecture; discussion; film screenings. Prerequisite: GER 331 or equivalent.

GER 385 Politics of the European Union  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as EURO 385, FR 385, and PS 385. See PS 385.

GER 396 Special Topics German Studies  credit: 3 Hours.
Introductory study in such topics as individual authors, selected literary movements or periods, modes of inquiry in literary study, minor genres, subgenres, extraliterary influences, etc. Same as CWL 328. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours if topics vary. Prerequisite: Reading fluency in German beyond the fourth-semester college level.

GER 401 Global Issues in German  credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction to global issues in German media. Taught in German. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: GER 212 or equivalent.

GER 403 German-English Translation: Theory & Practice  credit: 3 Hours.
Theory and practice of translating technical, commercial, scientific, and literary texts from German into English and vice versa. Same as CWL 328. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: GER 401 or consent of instructor.

GER 405 History of Translation  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as CLCV 430, CWL 430, ENGL 486, SLAV 430, SPAN 436, and TRST 431. See SLAV 430.

GER 418 Language&Minorities in Europe  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as FR 418, ITAL 418, LING 418, PS 418, SLAV 418, and SPAN 418. See FR 418.

GER 420 German Cultural History  credit: 4 Hours.
A general introduction to German culture from the pre-Christian period to the twenty-first century, focusing on the tension between forces of history and modernization in German culture. Course materials include literary and philosophical texts, film, painting, and music. Particular attention will be paid to the role of art in society. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One 200-level German course and GER 331; or consent of instructor.

GER 460 Principles of Language Testing  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as EIL 460, EPSY 487, FR 460, ITAL 460, PORT 460, SLS 460, and SPAN 460. See EIL 460.

GER 465 Ling Structures of German  credit: 3 Hours.
Survey of the linguistic structures of German in historical, geographic, and social context. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Three years of college German or equivalent.
Cultural Studies - Western

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:

- and historical perspectives. Same as CWL 282, EURO 240. See SCAN 240.

Emphasis on environmental, colonial, and social aspects from theoretical
European visitors to or settlers in to the Arctic. This course includes
with accounts by indigenous people and Scandinavian, American, and

SCAN 240   Arctic Narratives   credit: 3 Hours.
Study of the Arctic, its peoples and cultures, as imagined in literature, art,
history, media and film. This course makes cross-cultural comparisons
with accounts by indigenous people and Scandinavian, American, and
European visitors to or settlers in to the Arctic. This course includes
emphasis on environmental, colonial, and social aspects from theoretical
and historical perspectives. Same as CWL 282, EURO 240. See SCAN 240.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:

- Humanities - Lit Arts
- Cultural Studies - Western
YDSH 220  Jewish Storytelling  credit: 3 Hours.
Course will introduce the great Jewish storytellers such as Nachman of Bratslav, Scholem-Aleichem, and I.B. Singer through readings of Yiddish tales, short stories, poetry, drama and excerpts from novels and autobiographies from the 19th and 20th centuries. In addition, Yiddish films and folklore will be used to exemplify the variety of Jewish cultural expression in Eastern Europe, Russia, and America. Course will also present a sample of critical approaches to Yiddish literature. Taught in English translation. Same as CWL 221, ENGL 223, JS 220, and REL 220. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Lit Arts
Cultural Studies - Western

YDSH 320  Lit Responses to the Holocaust  credit: 3 Hours.
Course introduces a variety of Jewish literary responses to the Holocaust written during and after the Second World War (from 1939). The discussion of Holocaust memoirs, diaries, novels, short stories, poems, and other texts will focus on the unique contribution of literary works to our understanding of the Holocaust. In addition, the works and their authors will be situated in their Jewish cultural historical context. Taught in English translation. Same as CWL 320, ENGL 359, JS 320, and REL 320. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Lit Arts
Cultural Studies - Western

YDSH 420  Jewish Life-Writing  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Jewish life-writing from the late 18th century until today. Emphasis on cultural historical context, literary styles, and forms. All texts will be available in English translation. Same as CWL 421, HIST 436, REL 420, and SLAV 420. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.