GERMANIC STUDIES, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Germanic Studies

department website: https://www.germanic.illinois.edu
department faculty: Germanic Languages & Literatures Faculty (https://germanic.illinois.edu/directory/faculty)
advising: German advising (https://germanic.illinois.edu/academics/german/undergraduate-programs/undergraduate-advisor)
overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units)
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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 must select one concentration in consultation with an adviser:

- German Studies Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/germanic-studies-balas/german-culture-literature)
- German Business & Commercial Studies Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/germanic-studies-balas/german-business-commercial-studies)
- Scandinavian Studies Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/germanic-studies-balas/scandinavian-studies)

The Department of German Languages & Literatures also offers a BA in the Teaching of German (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/teaching-german-ba).

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.