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](https://www.germanic.illinois.edu)
department faculty: Germanic Languages & Literatures Faculty
(https://germanic.illinois.edu/directory/faculty)
overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts &
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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 Culture & Literature 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)
- German Linguistics Concentration
  (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/germanic-studies-balas/german-linguistics)
- Scandinavian Studies Concentration
  (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/germanic-studies-balas/scandinavian-studies)

**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 their 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.