

GERMAN STUDIES, B.A.

Students who pursue a degree in German studies at Saint Louis University are:

- Intent on becoming conversant in German in order to enhance their global career opportunities in international and domestic business, marketing, law, translation, government service, news service, museums, the publishing industry or international studies.
- Interested in gaining cultural proficiency in German, thus expanding their horizons and acquiring new perspectives with which to view their own culture.
- Curious about language, rhetoric and communication.
- Looking to acquire German as a tool for graduate study in history, political science, library science and countless other fields.

Both the major and minor programs involve learning German in a highly communicative atmosphere and entail a multidisciplinary approach to the history, politics, society and culture of the German-speaking world.

Saint Louis University offers German studies students opportunities for summer, semester and year-long study abroad programs that count toward degree options, especially through the department's affiliation agreements with the University of Heidelberg and its U.S. counterpart – Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio – the University of Frankfurt and the University of Stuttgart. Many German majors and minors take advantage of these study abroad opportunities to enhance their studies at SLU and in German, and especially their language skills, cultural competency skills and general knowledge.

Additional program highlights include:

- All learning is vigorous and takes place in intimate classroom settings and focuses on intercultural competencies that make students highly competitive on the job market.
- All instruction is in German and interdisciplinary in nature, combining developing language proficiency with cultural, contemporary and historical, and literary and artistic study pertaining to German.
- The German faculty covers a broad range of research expertise, ranging from medieval to 19th century and contemporary, from the visual arts to literature and linguistics.

Curriculum Overview

All instruction is in German and is interdisciplinary in nature. Upper-division courses are taught in an intimate classroom setting, allowing for greater classroom discussion and unique learning experiences. Students will also have opportunities for extracurricular engagements that can strengthen understanding of the German culture and language.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

Benefits of the German studies program also include internship and career opportunities. Department faculty assist students in finding internships both in the St. Louis area and abroad.

Careers

Students who graduate with a degree in German studies from Saint Louis University are prepared to work in a number of rewarding fields, including:

- Foreign service
- International business

- International law
- Scientific research
- Social service
- Translation
- Museum curation

Admission Requirements

Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University and are used as qualifiers for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit. Those having completed 24 or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the office of admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency>)
- Proof of financial support must include:
 - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
 - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at <http://finaid.slu.edu>.

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to interact in German.
2. Graduates will be able to interpret authentic materials in German.
3. Graduates will be able to present information formally in German.
4. Graduates will be able compare their own culture with German culture.
5. Graduates will be able to use German in order to expand their knowledge of other disciplines.

Requirements

Students who begin their study of German at Saint Louis University above the 2010 level must complete an additional course or courses at the 4000 level to fulfill the 30 credits required for the major.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
College core requirements (p. 2)		57-66
For additional information about core courses (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/#policies)		
German Core		
GR 2010	Intermediate German: Language & Culture	3
GR 3010	Oral & Written Proficiency I	3
GR 3020	Oral & Written Proficiency II	3
GR 3200	German Culture Studies I	3
GR 3250	German Culture Studies II	3
Language Skills		
Select one of the following:		3
GR 4010	Fluency in German	
GR 4250	Business German	
GR 4750	The German Press: Creating a Foreign Language Newspaper	
Medieval Course		
Select one of the following:		3
GR 4500	Courtly Love and Life Portrayed Through Medieval German Literature	
GR 4550	History of German Language	
GR 4600	Beginning Middle High German Language	
GR 4650	Wolfram von Eschenbach's Parzival: Gender, Race, and Otherness	
Modern/Contemporary Courses		
Select one of the following:		3
GR 4150	Berlin	
GR 4200	Modern German Prose	
GR 4350	German Film	
GR 4700	The Culture of The Weimar Republic	
German Related Area Elective		
Select one of the following:		3
GR 4XXX	Any 4000-level German Course	

ARTH 3520	Northern Renaissance Art	
HIST 3100	The Reformation Era	
HIST 3140	Twentieth Century Europe: Era of World Wars, 1914-1945	
HIST 3300	Modern European Diplomatic History from 1815-1914	
PHIL 4600	History of Modern Philosophy	
PHIL 4700	Contemporary German Philosophy	
PHIL 4740	Philosophy of Karl Marx	
POLS 4630	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	
THEO 3325	The Reformations of the 16th Century	

Senior Experience

GR 4960	German Senior Capstone Project	3
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General Electives

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Total Credits		120

Continuation Standards

All German Studies major courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher in order to count for the major/minor and for the student to continue in the major/minor.

Bachelor of Arts Core Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Components and Credits		
Foundations of Discourse (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/foundations-discourse)		3
Diversity in the U.S. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/cultural-diversity)		3
Global Citizenship (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/bs-core/global-citizenship)		3
Foreign Language (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/foreign-language)		0-9
Fine Arts (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/fine-arts)		3
Literature (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/literature)		6
Mathematics (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/mathematics)		3
Natural Science (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/sciences)		6
Philosophy (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/philosophy)		9
Social Science (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/social-science)		6
Theology (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/theology)		9
World History (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/world-history)		6
Total Credits		57-66

Graduation Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 120 credits (excluding pre-college level courses [numbered below 1000]).
- Complete either the College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Core Curriculum Requirements

- Complete Major Requirements: minimum 30 credits required.
- Complete remaining credits with a second major, minor, certificate, and/or elective credits to reach the minimum of 120 credits required for graduation.
- Courses listed under the intensive English program do not count toward graduation requirements. EAP 1500 College Composition for International Students (3 cr), EAP 1900 Rhetoric & Research Strategies (3 cr) and EAP 2850 Introduction to Literature for International Students (3 cr) count toward graduation requirements as equivalents to Department of English courses. In addition to those courses, six credits from EAP/MLNG courses at the 1000 level or higher may count toward graduation requirements
- Achieve at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average, a 2.00 grade point average in the major(s) and a 2.00 grade point average in the minor/certificate, or related elective credits.
- Complete Dept/Program specific academic and performance requirements.
- Complete at least 50% of the coursework for the major and 75% for the minor/certificate through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete 30 of the final 36 credits through Saint Louis University or an approved study abroad program.
- Complete an online degree application by the required University deadline.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
GR 2010	Intermediate German: Language & Culture ¹	3
HIST 1110	Origins of the Modern World to 1500 ²	3
ENGL 1900 or ENGL 1940	Advanced Strategies Of Rhetoric and Research ³ or Advanced Writing	3
THEO 1000	Theological Foundations ⁴	3
AS Core (Sciences) ⁵		3
UNIV 1010	Univ 101: Enhancing 1st yr Suc	1
	Credits	16
Spring		
GR 3010	Oral & Written Proficiency I	3
HIST 1120	Origins of the Modern World, 1500 to Present ²	3
PHIL 1050	Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality ⁶	3
THEO 2xxx ⁴		3

ENGL 2xxx	Literature course ⁷	3
	Credits	15
Year Two		
Fall		
GR 3020	Oral & Written Proficiency II	3
HIST 2800	Historian's Craft: Methods Proseminar ⁸	3
PHIL 2050	Ethics ⁶	3
AS Core (Diversity of US) ⁹		3
MATH 1200	College Algebra (or higher) ¹⁰	3
	Credits	15
Spring		
GR 3250	German Culture Studies II ¹¹	3
A European History course ⁸		3
A US History course ⁸		3
THEO 3xxx ^{4,12}		3
AS Core (Fine Arts) ⁹		3
	Credits	15
Year Three		
Fall		
GR 3200	German Culture Studies I ¹³	3
GR 4150/4200/4350/4700	Berlin (modern/contemporary) ¹⁴	3
A US History course ⁸		3
A World history course (Non-European & non US history) ⁸		3
PHIL 3xxx or 4xxx ^{6,15}		3
	Credits	15
Spring		
GR 4500/4550/4600/4750	Courtly Love and Life Portrayed Through Medieval German Literature (medieval) ¹⁶	3
History major elective ⁸		3
History major elective ⁸		3
AS Core (Social Sciences) ⁹		3
AS Core (Sciences) ⁵		3
	Credits	15
Year Four		
Fall		
GR 4010/4250/4750	Fluency in German (language skills) ¹⁷	3
GR elective or approved elective outside of department ⁹		3
History major elective ⁸		3
Select one of the following capstone courses: ⁸		3
HIST 4900	Seminar in European History	
HIST 4910	Internship/History in Practice	
AS Core (Global Citizenship) ⁹		3
	Credits	15
Spring		
GR 4960	German Senior Capstone Project	3
History major elective ⁸		3
AS Core (Social Sciences) ⁹		3
Elective		3

Elective	3
Credits	15
Total Credits	121

- 1 AS Core (Foreign Language); see program notes
- 2 AS Core (History)
- 3 AS Core (Foundations of Discourse)
- 4 AS Core (Theology)
- 5 Any Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences or Physics Course
- 6 AS Core (Philosophy)
- 7 AS Core (Literature)
- 8 Second major course, see program notes
- 9 See approved list of courses on AS Core website
- 10 AS Core (Mathematics)
- 11 Offered only in Spring
- 12 If THEO 3325 The Reformations of the 16th Century (3 cr), it can count as the **one** outside of German elective course for the German major
- 13 Offered only in Fall
- 14 Must be taken after GR 3250 German Culture Studies II (3 cr); satisfies AS literature core requirement
- 15 If PHIL 4600 History of Modern Philosophy (3 cr) / PHIL 4700 Contemporary German Philosophy (3 cr) / PHIL 4740 Philosophy of Karl Marx (3 cr), it can count as the **one** outside of German elective course for the German major
- 16 Must be taken after GR 3200 German Culture Studies I (3 cr); GR 4500 Courtly Love and Life Portrayed Through Medieval German Literature (3 cr) & GR 4650 Wolfram von Eschenbach's Parzival: Gender, Race, and Otherness (3 cr) satisfy AS literature core requirement
- 17 Can be taken after GR 3020 Oral & Written Proficiency II (0,3 cr)

Program Notes

If a student places below GR 2010 Intermediate German: Language & Culture (0,3 cr) (third semester) on the Saint Louis University Placement Exam (SLUPE), the student would first take GR 1010 Communicating in German I (0-3 cr) and/or GR 1020 Communicating in German II (0,3 cr), pending placement exam placement. If a student places above GR 2010 Intermediate German: Language & Culture (0,3 cr) on the SLUPE, e.g into GR 3010 Oral & Written Proficiency I (0,3 cr) (fourth semester) or even GR 3020 Oral & Written Proficiency II (0,3 cr) (fifth semester), the student would begin their coursework for the German major at either GR 3010 Oral & Written Proficiency I (0,3 cr) or GR 3020 Oral & Written Proficiency II (0,3 cr) and would take an additional two GR 4xxx courses (if placed into GR 3010 Oral & Written Proficiency I (0,3 cr)) or an additional GR 4xxx course (if placed into GR 3020 Oral & Written Proficiency II (0,3 cr)) to complete the 30 credits in the major.

It is very common for students majoring in a foreign language, German in this case, to have a second major. History was chosen for the purpose of this roadmap as the second major, which many students do elect as a major alongside of the German major. Requirements for the history major are shown in bold and italics to visualize where a student who chose another major would take courses in another major.

Approved electives offered in other departments for German major:

Code	Title	Credits
ARTH 3520	Northern Renaissance Art	3
HIST 3100	The Reformation Era	3
HIST 3140	Twentieth Century Europe: Era of World Wars, 1914-1945	3
HIST 3300	Modern European Diplomatic History from 1815-1914	3
PHIL 4600	History of Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL 4700	Contemporary German Philosophy	3
PHIL 4740	Philosophy of Karl Marx	3
POLS 4630	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	3
THEO 3325	The Reformations of the 16th Century	3

A student may choose to take the Arts and Sciences Core courses in a different order. This is simply a suggestion, although in the cases of core requirements at different levels, the 1xxx course needs to be taken before a 2xxx, in addition to needing to satisfy prerequisites for those courses.