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:

• All learning is vigorous, takes place in intimate classroom settings and focuses on intercultural competencies that make students highly competitive in 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 contemporary and 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

Begin your application for this program at www.slu.edu/apply (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php). Saint Louis University also accepts the Common App.

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.

To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school, have an acceptable HiSET exam score or take the General Education Development (GED) test. Beginning with the 2021-22 academic year, undergraduate applicants will not be required to submit standardized test scores (ACT or SAT) in order to be considered for admission. Applicants will be evaluated equally, with or without submitted test scores.

Begin Your Application (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php)

Transfer

Begin your application for this program at www.slu.edu/apply (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php).

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 rigor of Saint Louis University.

International Applicants

Begin your application for this program at www.slu.edu/apply (http://www.slu.edu/apply.php).

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, 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 https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/.

Learning Outcomes
1. Graduates will be able to communicate in spoken German at least at the level of Intermediate-High proficiency according to the standards set by the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages, ACTFL.
2. Graduates will be able to communicate in written German at least at the level of Intermediate-High proficiency according to the standards set by the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages, ACTFL.
3. Graduates will be able to present their research in a clear and organized manner in German that can be understood by native speakers not accustomed to interacting with the language of language learners.
4. Graduates will be able to investigate the target culture from a variety of cross-cultural perspectives.
5. Graduates will be able to apply the German language to make connections with other disciplines/fields of study.
6. Graduates will be able to read academic publications in German and to synthesize and incorporate content constructively into their research projects.

Requirements
German students must complete a minimum of **30 credits** for the major.

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 major total.

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<td>German Cultural History</td>
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<td>Language Skills:</td>
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<td>GR 4010</td>
<td>Fluency in German</td>
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Continuation Standards
All German Studies major courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher in order to count for the major and for the student to continue in the major.

Bachelor of Arts Core Curriculum Requirements

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<td>German for Professional Use</td>
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<td>GR 4750</td>
<td>The German Press: Creating a Foreign Language Newspaper</td>
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**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 and Film
- GR 4350 German Cinema—in German
- GR 4700 The Culture of The Weimar Republic

**Additional 4000 Level German Elective** 3

**German Related Area Elective**
Select one of the following: 3

- GR 4XXX Any 4000-level German Course
- ARTH 3520 Art North Renaissance: Adv Art of Nobles & Merchants in the Northern Renaissance: Advanced
- HIST 3100 The Reformation Era
- HIST 3140 Twentieth Century Europe: Era of World Wars, 1914-1945
- PHIL 4600 History of Modern Philosophy
- PHIL 4740 Philosophy of Karl Marx
- POLS 4630 The European Union: Politics and Political Economy
- THEO 3325 The Reformations of the 16th Century
- SPAN 4110 Language and Linguistics

**Senior Experience**
GR 4960 German Senior Capstone Project 3

**General Electives** 24-33

Total Credits 120
Fine Arts ([link](http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/fine-arts/)) 3

Literature ([link](http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/literature/)) 6

Mathematics ([link](http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/mathematics/)) 3

Natural Science ([link](http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/sciences/)) 6

Philosophy ([link](http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/philosophy/)) 9

Social Science ([link](http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/social-science/)) 6

Theology ([link](http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/ba-core/theology/)) 9

World History ([link](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 Nation, Identity and Literature (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 department/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 Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric and Research 3 3
- THEO 1000 Theological Foundations 4 3

**Spring**
- GR 3010 Communicating in German: The German Media 17 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 Communicating in German: Contemporary Issues 17 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 Berlin (modern/contemporary) 14 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 3210 German Cultural History 17 3
- GR 4010/4250 Fluency in German (language skills) 13 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 4500/4650 Courtly Love and Life Portrayed Through Medieval German Literature (medieval) 16 3
- History major elective 8 3
Year Four

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Total Credits 121

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, the student would begin their coursework for the German major at either GR 3010 Communicating in German: The German Media (0.3 cr) or GR 3020 Communicating in German: Contemporary Issues (0.3 cr) and would take an additional GR 4xxx course 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 elect to pursue alongside the German major.

Approved electives offered in other departments for German major:

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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.