Graduate Programs

At the University of Washington, diversity is integral to excellence. As a foreign language department, we have a particularly robust commitment to diversity. We value and honor diverse experiences and perspectives in our teaching and research, strive to create welcoming and respectful learning environments, and promote access, opportunity and justice for all. Underrepresented individuals, international applicants, immigrants and permanent residents constitute a vital and enriching segment of our departmental community and are strongly encouraged to apply.

Department Highlights

- An internationally recognized and diverse faculty inside and outside of the Department provides a stimulating intellectual environment for advanced learning and research.
- Generous funding is available to support student research, including several Max Kade Fellowships, teaching assistantships, travel assistance to attend conferences, and other grants.
- Students have the opportunity to hone their teaching skills by serving as student mentors in faculty-led literature and culture courses.
- Teaching assistants are trained to be excellent teachers of language with the capability of effectively integrating new technology.
- A rigorous academic program in conjunction with extensive professionalization activities and close mentoring prepare students for their careers.
- Study abroad program with Münster, along with other forms of trans-Atlantic cooperation foster scholarly relationships and academic expertise in an international context.
- The Walter Chapin Simpson Center for the Humanities at the University of Washington, provides students with cutting-edge interdisciplinary research and learning opportunities.
- Students can take advantage of all resources of a large flagship university, including an excellent collection of German materials in the UW libraries system, the Summit regional libraries, and the World-Cat libraries.
- New faculty hires in Modern German Literature with a research and teaching focus on the Environmental Humanities and in Medieval Studies.
- Students can pursue their graduate studies in one of the most livable American cities with lots of career opportunities.

Degree Programs

Master's Degree prepares students for advanced studies in Germanics, Comparative Literature, as well as careers in elementary and secondary education, translation and technology-related fields. A certificate is available in Second/Foreign Language Teaching.

Ph.D. program emphasizes scholarship, research and teaching in preparation for careers in college and university education and advanced critical skills for professional careers outside of academia. Additional certificates available in Cinema and Media Studies and Textual Studies.

Financial Support Opportunities
Several Max Kade Fellowships  
Multi-year teaching assistantship packages with possibility of additional support  
Top Scholar awards  
Competitive Fellowships through the Center for West European Studies, the UW Graduate School, Walter Chapin Simpson Center for the Humanities, Graduate Opportunities and Minority Achievement Program (GO-MAP)  
Foreign teaching and study opportunities at several German universities

Further Information

- Master of Arts Degree  
- Doctor of Philosophy Degree  
- Application Instructions  
- Teaching Assistantships  
- Fellowships & Tuition  
- Exchanges  
- Career Placements  
- Distinguished Kade Visiting Professor  
- Course Offerings

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