Major Requirements

The German major provides transferrable skills for any career that involves formulating questions and solving problems, especially for students in a wide range of fields such as business, politics, and STEM. Students gain advanced competency in spoken and written German, enhanced cultural expertise, and the ability to work across disciplines. They develop analytical skills through studies of literary, intellectual, and visual culture from the Middle Ages to the present. Emphases include: environmental and urban humanities; Jewish studies; gender and queer studies; philosophy; and performance.

We also offer a minor in Germanics, plus an option in German linguistics.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Germanics

Beginning 2017-18:
51 credits in all

Required Courses (31 credits):

- **German 203** (or equivalent)
- 2 courses from: **German 301, 302, 303** (or equivalent)
- **German 401** (or equivalent)
- **German 311** (Introduction to Literary Studies)
- 2 courses from **400-level literature offerings** (411,421,422,423,497, etc)

Elective Courses (20 credits):

- Choose from many offerings in:
  - Language
  - Literature
  - Culture
  - Linguistics
  - Every quarter we also offer English-language courses that count toward elective credit, such as:
    - Cultures of Extinction
    - The Otherworldly: Fairy Tales and the Environmental Imagination
    - Vienna 1900: The Naked Truth: Crisis and Renewal
    - The Layered City: Excavating Diversity in the Metropolis Berlin
    - The Human Animal
    - The Queerness of Love
    - Sympathy for the Devil: The Rhetoric of Compassion
    - The Tele-Novel: Seriality and Visual Storytelling

51 credits as follows:

15 Credits: GERMAN 203, GERMAN 311, GERMAN 401

Two 400-level courses in literature and culture (10 credits): GERMAN 411, GERMAN 412, GERMAN 421, GERMAN 422, GERMAN 423, GERMAN 490, GERMAN 493, GERMAN 494, GERMAN 495, GERMAN 497

Two 300-level courses in language (6 credits): GERMAN 301, GERMAN 302, GERMAN 303

20 additional credits from any combination of the following courses, or additional courses from the list above. No more than 10 of
these credits can be at the 200 level.

**Language**: GERMAN 304, GERMAN 307, GERMAN 333, GERMAN 334, GERMAN 498

**Literature**: GERMAN 210, GERMAN 243, GERMAN 293, GERMAN 295, GERMAN 300, GERMAN 312, GERMAN 313, GERMAN 340, GERMAN 341, GERMAN 342, GERMAN 345, GERMAN 346, GERMAN 349, GERMAN 350, GERMAN 351, GERMAN 352, GERMAN 353, GERMAN 360, GERMAN 390, GERMAN 397, GERMAN 490, GERMAN 494, GERMAN 497

**Culture**: GERMAN 322, GERMAN 323, GERMAN 355, GERMAN 370, GERMAN 371, GERMAN 399, GERMAN 499

**Linguistics**: GERMAN 220, GERMAN 451, GERMAN 452, GERMAN 479

**Other**: GERMAN 395/396 (4 credits max.), GERMAN 398, GERMAN 446 (5 credits max.), GERMAN 447 (5 credits max.)

When students test out of language courses (German 203, 301, 302, 303, 401) due to prior competency in German, these requirements become electives.

**Study Abroad**

- We work individually with students to make study abroad opportunities count toward gaining credit toward their degrees at German, Austrian, and Swiss universities.
- The Germanics Department directly sponsors two study abroad programs:
  - Spring in Vienna (a well-integrated program with a cohort of fellow UW students every spring quarter; application in November);
  - Direct exchange with German universities in Tübingen and Heidelberg.
- Many other study abroad opportunities are available through the Study Abroad Office.
- Study Abroad is strongly encouraged, but not required for the degree.

**Honors**

You may graduate with departmental honors on your degree by completing ad-hoc honors projects in conjunction with four different courses.

**Minor in Germanics**

**35 credits** as follows:

Required courses: GERMAN 203, GERMAN 311

5 credits in 400-level coursework from either GERMAN 411, GERMAN 412, GERMAN 421, GERMAN 422, GERMAN 423, GERMAN 490, GERMAN 493, GERMAN 494, GERMAN 495, GERMAN 497, GERMAN 498, GERMAN 499,

20 additional credits from any combination of the following courses (no more than 10 credits may be taken from 200-level courses):

**Language**: GERMAN 301, GERMAN 302, GERMAN 303, GERMAN 304, GERMAN 307, GERMAN 333, GERMAN 334, GERMAN 401, GERMAN 498.

**Literature**: GERMAN 210, GERMAN 243, GERMAN 293, GERMAN 295, GERMAN 300, GERMAN 312, GERMAN 313, GERMAN 340, GERMAN 341, GERMAN 342, GERMAN 345, GERMAN 346, GERMAN 349, GERMAN 350, GERMAN 351, GERMAN 352, GERMAN 353, GERMAN 360, GERMAN 390, GERMAN 397, GERMAN 411, GERMAN 412, GERMAN 421, GERMAN 422, GERMAN 423, GERMAN 490,
GERMAN 494, GERMAN 495, GERMAN 497

Culture: GERMAN 285, GERMAN 322, GERMAN 323, GERMAN 355, GERMAN 370, GERMAN 371, GERMAN 385, GERMAN 399, GERMAN 493, GERMAN 499

Linguistics: GERMAN 220, GERMAN 451, GERMAN 452, GERMAN 479

Other: GERMAN 395/396 (4 credits max.), GERMAN 398, GERMAN 446 (5 credits max.), GERMAN 447 (5 credits max.)

When students test out of German 203 due to prior competency in German, these required credits become electives.

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