

GERMANIC STUDIES: GERMAN STUDIES, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences in Germanic Studies, German Studies Concentration

The Germanic Studies Concentration provides a multidisciplinary approach to the study of German, emphasizing a balanced knowledge of German language, literature, and culture as well as exposure to contemporary politics and social issues in broader European and global contexts.

Undergraduate degree programs in Germanic Languages & Literatures:

- Germanic Studies: German Studies, BALAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/germanic-studies-balas/>)
- Germanic Studies: German Business & Commercial Studies, BALAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/germanic-studies-balas/german-business-commercial-studies/>)
- Teaching of German, BA (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/teaching-german-ba/>)
- Germanic Studies: Scandinavian Studies, BALAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/germanic-studies-balas/scandinavian-studies/>)

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Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

Minimum hours required major and supporting course work: normally equates to 34 hours in German. Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

University Requirements

The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (<https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3/part8/3-801/>) (§ 3-801) and in the Academic Catalog (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

General Education Requirements

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>). Some Gen Ed requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
	Composition I	4-6
	Advanced Composition	3
	Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)	6
	Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)	6
	Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	6
	Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course)	3

Cultural Studies: US Minority Cultures (1 course)	3
Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course)	3
Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I)	6-10
Language Requirement (Completion of the fourth semester or equivalent of a language other than English, or completion of the third semester in two different languages other than English is required)	0-20

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Minimum of 34 hours of German courses including:		
GER 211	Conversation and Writing I	3
GER 212	Conversation and Writing II	3
GER 420	German Cultural History	4
Select 24 hours, including at least 12 hours of 300- and 400-level coursework from this list:		
GER 103		
GER 104		
GER 201	German Popular Culture	
GER 205	Germany and Europe	
GER 250	Grimms' Fairy Tales - ACP	
or GER 251	Grimm's Fairy Tales in Context	
GER 260	The Holocaust in Context - ACP	
or GER 261	The Holocaust in Context	
GER 270	Sexuality and Literature	
GER 331	Intro to German Literature	
GER 332	German Literature and Culture	
GER 385	Politics of the European Union	
GER 401	Global Issues in German	
GER 403	German-English Translation: Theory & Practice	
GER 465	German Linguistics	
GER 470	Middle Ages to Baroque	
GER 471	Enlightenment to Romanticism	
GER 472	Realism to Expressionism	
GER 473	1920s to Today	
GER 493	German Cinema I	
GER 494	German Cinema II	
Total Hours		34

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Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a fourth level of a language other than English. See the corresponding section on the Degree General and Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year

First Semester	Hours
Free Elective course	1
Language Other Than English (3rd level)	4
Composition I or General Education course	4
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Total Hours 15	15

Total Hours 15**First Year**

Second Semester	Hours
Free Elective course	3
Language Other Than English (4th level)	4
Composition I or General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	2
Total Hours 15	15

Total Hours 15**Second Year**

First Semester	Hours
GER 211	3
GER course from list	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Total Hours 15	15

Total Hours 15**Second Year**

Second Semester	Hours
GER 212	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Total Hours 15	15

Total Hours 15**Third Year**

First Semester	Hours
GER course from list	3
GER course from list	3
General Education course	3

Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Total Hours 15	15

Total Hours 15**Third Year**

Second Semester	Hours
GER course from list	3
GER 300-400 level course from list	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Total Hours 15	15

Total Hours 15**Fourth Year**

First Semester	Hours
GER 300-400 level course from list	3
GER 300-400 level course from list	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Total Hours 15	15

Total Hours 15**Fourth Year**

Second Semester	Hours
GER 420	4
GER 300-400 level course from list	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	2
Total Hours 15	15

Total Hours 15**Total Hours: 120**

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1. *Language ability*: Students develop and improve their foreign language abilities, i.e. their ability to read, speak, write, and listen in German in order to work with texts and communicate with others in the language.

2. *Cultural-historical literacy and knowledge*: Students develop and improve their ability to function in non-native cultural-historical and linguistic contexts and communities in order to respect and navigate cultural differences and build upon similarities. Furthermore, students will synthesize knowledge relevant to broad cultural and linguistic areas within German studies in order to apply that knowledge toward the other learning outcomes outlined here.

3. *Analytical and argumentative skills*: Students develop and improve their abilities to analyze diverse cultural artifacts in order to apply analytical thinking and discursive skills to the construction of sound,

supported, factual argumentation rather than merely expression of opinion, completely or in part.

4. *Writing development:* Students will demonstrate and produce well-written, communicative, argumentative, and interpretive texts in German and/or English in order to competently meet diverse writing tasks. Furthermore, students will be able to carry out various forms of research in support of their writing in order to create more substantive texts, which are also genre appropriate and written for a particular audience.

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Department of Germanic Languages & Literatures (<https://www.germanic.illinois.edu>)

Germanic Languages & Literatures Faculty (<https://germanic.illinois.edu/directory/faculty/>)

German advising (<https://germanic.illinois.edu/academics/german/undergraduate-programs/undergraduate-advisor/>)

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (<https://las.illinois.edu/>)

overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/>)