

GERMAN MAJOR

The German major is designed for students to accomplish two broad goals: a) to develop their language proficiency and gain linguistic confidence; and b) to become familiar with issues and discourses pertinent to modern German literature, culture, cultural forms and practices, history, and politics. Coursework may focus on the major periods and forms of German literature with emphasis on literary and historical analysis; on architecture, art, film, dance, music, and other forms of media broadly conceived; on German/European politics and history; on environmentalism, German philosophy, or political and cultural theory.

Students majoring in German take 12 courses in the department or abroad (students may count up to 8 courses from a year abroad and 4 courses from a semester abroad towards the German major).

Students must also complete the Undergraduate Registration Requirement (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/requirements-policies/undergraduate-registration-requirement/>) and the degree requirements of their home school.

NOTE: This Catalog describes Weinberg College BA requirements that pertain to students who matriculated at Northwestern after spring quarter 2023. Refer to the Archives (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/archives/>) if you are following BA requirements described in the 2018-2019 through 2022-2023 editions.

Prerequisite

- GERMAN 102-3 Intermediate German or equivalent proficiency.

Department Courses (12 units)

- **8 core courses** from the list posted on the department website
 - 4 German-language courses in language and media
 - 2 at the 200 level
 - 2 at the 300 level; or as discussed with the DUS
 - 4 German-language courses in literature, culture, history, and politics
 - 2 at the 200 level
 - 2 at the 300 level; or as discussed with the DUS
- **4 elective courses** taught in the German department chosen according to the interests of the students.
 - Up to two courses taught in English may be counted towards the elective courses.

Notes:

- Courses listed as prerequisites for an advanced course may not be taken for credit after the advanced course has been completed.
- Majors returning from a study abroad program must enroll in at least 1 200-level or 300-level course in the department.
- Students with an interest in a complementary language may petition the DUS to count 1 or 2 quarters of language study towards the elective courses.

Honors in German

Majors with strong academic records and an interest in pursuing honors should contact the honors advisor in spring of junior year. They may qualify for departmental honors by completing 2 quarters of GERMAN 398-0 Undergraduate Seminar or GERMAN 399-0 Independent

Study; 2 quarters of 400-level courses; or 1 quarter of GERMAN 398-0 or GERMAN 399-0 and 1 quarter of a 400-level course. These courses may count toward the major. Students must present a research paper at the end of their second quarter of honors study.

Students whose research paper and grades meet department criteria are recommended to the college for graduation with honors. For more information consult the director of undergraduate studies and see Honors in the Major (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#academicoptionstext>).

Courses

Courses Taught in German

Course	Title
GERMAN 101-1 & GERMAN 101-2 & GERMAN 101-3	Beginning German and Beginning German and Beginning German
GERMAN 102-1 & GERMAN 102-2 & GERMAN 102-3	Intermediate German and Intermediate German and Intermediate German
GERMAN 115-0	Beginning German through Musical Journeys in Vienna
GERMAN 201-0	Focus Reading
GERMAN 203-0	Focus Speaking
GERMAN 205-0	Focus Writing
GERMAN 207-0	Current Events in German Media
GERMAN 209-0	German in the Business World
GERMAN 211-0	German Culture through Film
GERMAN 213-0	History, Politics, and Culture in 21st Century German
GERMAN 221-1	Introduction to German Literature: 1800-1900
GERMAN 221-2	Introduction to German Literature: 1900-1945
GERMAN 221-3	Introduction to German Literature: 1945-today
GERMAN 245-0	Special Topics in German Literature and Culture
GERMAN 303-0	Advanced Creative Expression in German speaking
GERMAN 305-0	Advanced Creative Expression in German writing
GERMAN 307-0	German Mass Media: from broadcast to stream
GERMAN 309-1	The German Market and the Globalized Economy
GERMAN 309-2	Germany, Inc.: Marketing and Corporate Social Responsibility
GERMAN 321-1	Reason, Revolution, and Despair: 1800-1900
GERMAN 321-2	Myth and Modernity: 1900-1945
GERMAN 321-3	Recoveries and Transitions: 1945-Present
GERMAN 327-0	The German Avant-Garde and the Culture of Modernism
GERMAN 331-0	Shattered Worlds: Representation after the Shoa
GERMAN 333-0	Literature of the Cold War
GERMAN 335-0	Minority Voices in Germany
GERMAN 337-0	Science and Culture in Germany
GERMAN 345-0	Topics in German Literature and Culture

Courses with Readings and Discussion in English

No prerequisites in German.

Course	Title
GERMAN 224-0	Contemporary Germany
GERMAN 228-0	History of German Film
GERMAN 230-0	Berlin and the Culture of Democracy
GERMAN 232-0	The Theme of Faust Through the Ages
GERMAN 234-1	Jews and Germans: An Intercultural History I

GERMAN 234-2	Jews and Germans: An Intercultural History II
GERMAN 236-0	Kafka and Nietzsche
GERMAN 238-0	Decadence and Desire: Turn-of-the-Century Vienna
GERMAN 242-0	Imagining Modern Jewish Culture in Yiddish and German
GERMAN 244-0	Analyzing Freud
GERMAN 246-0	Special Topics in German Literature and Culture
GERMAN 248-0	Migration in the German Past and Present: Gastarbeiter, Refugees, Displaced Persons
GERMAN 266-0	Introduction to Yiddish Culture: Images of the Shtetl
GERMAN 272-0	Luther and the West
GERMAN 322-0	German Contributions to World Literature
GERMAN 324-0	Modern German Drama
GERMAN 328-0	Prague: City of Cultures, City of Conflict
GERMAN 334-0	Writers and their Critics
GERMAN 344-1	German History: Weimar and Nazi Germany
GERMAN 344-2	German History: Germany Since 1945
GERMAN 346-0	Topics in German Literature and Culture
GERMAN 349-0	The History of the Holocaust
GERMAN 366-0	Yiddish Culture and the Holocaust
GERMAN 398-0	Undergraduate Seminar
GERMAN 399-0	Independent Study