GERMAN

College of Arts and Letters

Program Description
Courses in German encompass the study of German language, literature, and culture. Language study begins with the imparting of the four basic language skills, namely, speaking, aural comprehension, reading, and writing. The teaching of these skills is provided as part of programs in liberal arts, in general education and in professional training, as well as a service for other degree programs.

The imparting of the basic language skills is the first and necessary step toward what is actually the liberal arts core of our curriculum: the upper division offerings. It is through the advanced language, literature, and culture courses that the students become familiar with the intricacies of another language and with the literary and cultural contributions made by the people who speak it.

Students who are considering the study of German should talk to a German faculty advisor. Each student minoring in German is assigned an advisor upon entry into the program. For assistance in obtaining an advisor, contact the Foreign Language Department office.

Teaching credential candidates must complete the Professional Education Program in addition to other requirements for a teaching credential. Consult a Department credential advisor for details. They may also obtain information about the Professional Education Program from the Teacher Preparation Program Office, Eureka Hall 216, (916) 278-6403.

Degree Programs
Minor in German (http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/german/minor-in-german/)

Subject Matter Program (http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/german/subject-matter-program/)

Special Features

- Close cooperation between members of the German faculty and the Sacramento German community has provided students with an opportunity to improve their language abilities and to become familiar with German customs and traditions.
- In addition, the German Club on campus allows students to socialize with others of similar interests.
- The Sacramento State chapter of Delta Phi Alpha, the national German honor society, gives recognition and awards to outstanding students and scholars.
- The German program is supported by modern language laboratory facilities, a departmental library, and a collection of instructional materials.
- Students receive tutorial help from graduate exchange students and other graduate students.
- In order to acquire maximum proficiency in the use of the German language, students are encouraged to participate in the Sacramento State International Programs in Heidelberg or Tübingen, the student exchange program established with the Department of American Studies at the Johannes-Gutenberg Universität of Mainz, Germany, or the German-Education Student Exchange Program at the Pädagogische Hochschule of Flensburg, Germany, or the summer work abroad with the International Education Program.

Career Possibilities
International Business Personnel · Trade and Commerce · Export/Import · Interpreter/Translator · Banking Representative · Buyer/Sales Representative · Foreign/Diplomatic Service · Airlines Personnel · Travel Industry · Media Personnel/Foreign Correspondent · Public Relations · U.S. Immigration/Customs · U.S. Information Agency · Peace Corps · Language Teacher · Bilingual/Foreign Secretary · Foreign Publications/Textbook Editor · Research Assistant

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Faculty

GERM 1A. Elementary German. 4 Units
Prerequisite(s): GERM 1B or instructor permission.
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language Graduation Requirement, Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Fall only

Focuses on the development of listening, speaking, and reading skills.

GERM 1B. Elementary German. 4 Units
Prerequisite(s): GERM 1A or instructor permission.
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language Graduation Requirement, Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Continuation of GERM 1A. Speaking, listening, and reading skills are practiced and more emphasis is placed on the development of writing skills than in GERM 1A. Cultural introduction to the German-speaking countries is continued.

GERM 2A. Intermediate German. 4 Units
Prerequisite(s): GERM 1B or instructor permission.
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language Graduation Requirement
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Continuation of GERM 1B with review of grammar and with further development of reading ability but with a greater emphasis on active skills in speaking and writing.

Note: Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement.

GERM 2B. Intermediate German. 4 Units
Prerequisite(s): GERM 2A or instructor permission.
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language Graduation Requirement
Term Typically Offered: Spring only

Continuation of GERM 2A with greater emphasis on skills in writing.

Note: Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement.
GERM 5A.  German Language Practice.  3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Foreign Language
Graduation Requirement
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Practice with German conversation and vocabulary; supervised individual
and small-group instruction designed to develop German vocabulary,
including conversation and listening skills at an intermediate level.
Note: Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement.
May be taken for credit four times.

GERM 100.  Advanced German Grammar.  3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Study of grammar and style and their practical application in writing and
speaking.

GERM 105.  Advanced German Language Practice.  3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring only
Supervised individual and small-group practice for upper-division
students desiring to improve their German language skills, especially
conversation, listening and vocabulary. Some written work may be
assigned. May be taken for credit three times, but may count only once
for major or minor credit.

GERM 140.  Heroes, Dragons and Quests.  3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Spring only
Exploration of the heroic adventures of the medieval knights in their
quests for fame and love, with special attention to the bridal quest and
the roles of their "ladies": their social, political, and economic position,
and their impact on life in the Middle Ages. Discussions will be based on
the reading of selected Middle High German works in English translation.
Note: No German language requirement.

GERM 141.  German Mythology and Legend.  3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Spring only
Exploration of Germanic myth and legend and their impact on art and
literature. Readings in English.
Note: No German language requirement.

GERM 142.  German Folk Literature, Legend, and Lore.  3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Spring only
Study of the traditional folk literature; fairy tales, folk tales, legends,
ballads and folk songs; of the German-speaking people, their holiday
traditions, festivals and social customs. Readings in English.
Note: No German language requirement.

GERM 143.  King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table in Germany.  3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Fall only
Study of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table in the German
medieval romances read in English translation.
Note: No German language requirement. Course will be offered every two
years.