

5 Things to Know

1. Why study German?

Today, German is the most widely spoken language in Europe, and the second most-commonly used scientific language worldwide. As the economic powerhouse of the European Union, Germany is gaining ever more significance on the world stage, and through its environmental and social activism, innovation and technology, and its vibrant offerings in theatre, music and visual arts, Germany is shaping the future.

2. What courses and degrees does the department offer?

We offer courses from beginner level to advanced in conversational German and German reading ability, in translation and composition, in German literature and philosophy. Aside from Honours, Combined Honours or a Major in German, we also offer Minors in German language, in German Studies, and in German Philosophy. Several of our courses are held in English and can be taken without language prerequisites.

3. What international learning opportunities are available?

We will help you take advantage of a wide variety of Study Abroad opportunities for credit. Thanks to the generosity of the Mader family, the German department grants the Marjorie Mader Award annually to qualifying students to help fund international study opportunities. There's a range of other scholarships and bursaries available to fund summer study courses in Germany.

4. What kinds of jobs do people with a degree in German have?

Language-learning is a matter of civic welfare for modern democracies. Multilingualism strengthens communities and creates opportunities for greater understanding. Whether one works in **academia** or **government**, in **business** and **banking** or **film** and **theatre**, in **library** or **museum studies**, in **tourism** or an **NGO**, as an **international lawyer**, a **translator**, or **scientific researcher**, German can open new doors for you.

5. Where to start?

If you already have some German language ability, contact the German Undergraduate advisor for assistance in course placement. If you are a complete beginner, register for our introductory courses, German for Beginners 1 and 2 (GERM1003 and 1004) or the one-semester six-credit intensive course GERM1010. Beginner-level German can also be taken in the summer semester.

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