

GERMAN, MINOR

German is the third most studied foreign language in the world, and, at UWM, we offer more than just instruction in language. In addition to German fluency, students learn how to apply that fluency by studying German culture, literature, customs, and history.

Wisconsin has a strong German heritage and many students find it both professionally useful and personally satisfying to explore the State's German influences. Many may come into college having already taken German in high school. Students can take a placement test to determine their starting course and may be able to earn retroactive credits if they place above the level of GERMAN 101.

Fluency in German can provide a career advantage in all types of industries where Germany and other German-speaking countries are leaders: finance, marketing, manufacturing, politics, government work, electronics and technology, chemical and biochemical, environmental science, and architecture. At UWM, language students receive an education in not just language fluency but also in the culture surrounding that language. Context matters in communication, and we believe it is important for students to understand the history, literature, and customs of native speakers of German in order to successfully apply their fluency.

Students are encouraged to participate in UWM's well-established study abroad (<http://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad/>) program. Destinations are available in more than 70 sites around the world and vary in length from a few week immersion, to semester-long, to even a full year. Because of the complexities of planning a study abroad experience, students are encouraged to start planning early in sophomore year. Most students engage in study abroad during the second half of sophomore year or during their junior year.

Requirements

The College of Letters & Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA on all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work. The minor in German requires a minimum of 21 credits. At least 12 of these credits must be at the 300 level or above and taken in residence at UWM.

Code	Title	Credits
<i>Core courses</i>		
GERMAN 204	Fourth-Semester German	3
GERMAN 331	German Grammar in Practice	3
GERMAN 332	Presentation and Composition	3
Take at least one of these:		3-6
GERMAN 333	Texts and Contexts	
GERMAN 334	Introduction to German Studies	
<i>Electives</i>		
Select 6-9 additional credits in courses taught in German program at the 300 level or above, or 3-6 credits from German courses numbered 300 and above plus 3 credits from the pre-approved electives in other subjects listed below		6-9
Total Credits		21

Pre-Approved Electives

Code	Title	Credits
ARTHIST 205	History of Film I: Development of an Art	3
ARTHIST 206	History of Film II: Development of an Art	3
ARTHIST 357	Rococo to Revolution: European Art, 1750-1850	3
ARTHIST 364	Modernism and the Avant-Garde, 1900-1960	3
ARTHIST 366	German Painting, 1800-1933	3
ARTHIST 465	Dada and Surrealist Art	3
FILMSTD 205	History of Film I: Development of an Art	3
FILMSTD 206	History of Film II: Development of an Art	3
GEOG 330	Europe: East and West	3
GERMAN 111	German Life and Civilization: Part I	3
GERMAN 112	German Life and Civilization: Part II:	3
GERMAN 145	Views of Germany:	3
HIST 203	The History of Medieval Europe: The Early Middle Ages	3
HIST 204	The History of Medieval Europe: The High Middle Ages	3
HIST 241	Women and Gender in Europe: 1350 to 1750	3
HIST 248	The First World War	3
HIST 249	The Second World War in Europe	3
HIST 363	Germany: Hitler and the Nazi Dictatorship	3
HIST 364	The Holocaust: Anti-Semitism & the Fate of Jewish People in Europe, 1933-45	3
HIST 371	Topics in European History:	3
HIST 379	Introduction to Jewish History	3
JEWISH 261	Representing the Holocaust in Words and Images	3
MUSIC 211	General History of Western Music I	3
MUSIC 212	General History of Western Music II	3
MUSIC 246	German and French Lyric Diction	1
MUSIC 307	General History of Western Music III	3
MUSIC 311	Music of the Baroque Era	3
MUSIC 312	Music of the Classic Era	3
MUSIC 313	Music of the Romantic Era	3
MUSIC 314	Music since 1900	3
MUSIC 377	Song Literature I: Italy, Germany, France, Great Britain	2
PHILOS 435	Existentialism	3
PHILOS 437	Phenomenology	3
POL SCI 382	Modern Political Thought	3

Letters & Science Minor Advising

Advising for the minor takes place within the department by a faculty member or staff member. Follow the steps using the "Declare a Minor" button on the department's website which may include instructions on how to select a faculty advisor if there is more than one to choose from.

Students who already have an L&S college advisor because their degree plan is in L&S can discuss the minor with them as well since they will be familiar with any minor in L&S. Students who are working on a degree from a UWM college other than the College of Letters & Science will not need an L&S college advisor for just a minor and one will not be assigned. These students should work with the faculty or staff advisor they receive as part of the minor declaration process or contact the department directly for assistance.

Applicants who have not started classes at UWM yet who wish to declare a minor should wait until they are registered for their first UWM classes and then can declare the minor using the "Declare a Minor" button on the program's website. If you have questions about the minor before then, contact let-sci@uwm.edu.