

Why Study German @ Creighton University

Studying German may be one of the most important decisions in your life. There are approx. **101 million native German speakers** among Europeans. By choosing German, you will be open to experience **famous literature** in the original language, participate in **Europe's biggest economy** as an intern, for example, and communicate easily in 4 German-speaking countries - **Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein**. Study abroad for 1 semester, or apply for [summer internships](#) in Germany, or academic work with the [DAAD](#); ([OIP](#) at Creighton).



Das Brandenburger Tor - Berlin 2010

(Photo by Kelsey C., 2010 participant of GER 525)

At Creighton, you will find an excellent environment for the study German and German culture: Small classes, use of CALL (computer assisted language learning), a modern textbook with focus on communication, and instructors who are working for you and with you while you are studying German.

By having completed GER 201 or higher in the spring of 2012, you will be qualified for the **3-week Berlin Travel Course GER 525** during “pre-session” mid-May to beginning of June. (3 credits – class also counts towards “Global Studies” requirement). <http://www.creighton.edu/ccas/modernlanguages/studyabroad/>

Department information: <http://www.creighton.edu/ccas/modernlanguages/german/>

Questions or inquiries of any kind can be sent to Dr. Olaf Böhlke (bohlke@creighton.edu) or call 402-280-2505 (lv msg.)

Fall 2011 Kurse		Spring 2012 Kurse	
GER101-A 9:30	GER201 10:30	GER101 9:30	GER335 Wed. only 12:30
GER101-B 10:30	GER303 11:30	GER102 10:30	GER529 Contemp. Ger. Lit. 10:30
GER102 9:30	GER335 Wed. only 12:30	GER202 12:30	<i>Talk to us if you have questions or need an override.</i>
	GER545 "Novelle" SB 1:30	GER304 1:30	

German **Minor is 18 cr.**; German **Major is 27 cr.** (with optional cross-listed courses: PLS 301 + 401, PHL 374 + 459) <http://www.creighton.edu/ccas/modernlanguages/german/minor/> (or ‘google’ “german minor creighton”) <http://www.creighton.edu/ccas/modernlanguages/german/majors/> (or ‘google’ “german major creighton”)

Video Interviews with recent German Major graduates:

<http://olafbohlke.com/>; <http://olafbohlke.com/video/Q1gerseniors2011hi.mp4> (iPod)

Selected facts about German and Germany:

- Germany is the world's second largest exporter (as of 2010).
- German is the most commonly spoken language in the EU.
- 18% of the world's books are published in German. The German Wikipedia is the second largest in the world
- Germany is home to numerous international corporations (BASF, BAYER, BMW, Mercedes...)
- German is no harder to learn to speak and write than other languages. (Cognates: Arm, Nase, Hand, Vater, Butter,...)
- German is the second-most commonly used scientific language.
- German is the language of Goethe, Nietzsche and Kafka. Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, Freud and Einstein also spoke German.
- Speaking and understanding German will deepen your knowledge of the culture and improve your employment opportunities.
- Learning German provides deeper insights into a region that plays a vital role in central Europe's intellectual and economic life and in its cultural history.
- In many regions, Germans account for the largest percentage of tourists.

(Source -edited-: Goethe Institut Germany - <http://www.goethe.de/ins/de/ler/deu/enindex.htm>). For a more descriptive page and more information, go to Dartmouth's website: (<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~german/gerwhy.html>) (Published on Oct. 10, 2011)