

Why Study German @ Creighton University

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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 four German-speaking countries **Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein** and **neighboring countries**.

Study abroad for one semester, or apply for [summer internships](#) [1 see back] in Germany, or academic work with the [DAAD](#); ([OIP](#) at Creighton).

Read on [German is a Career Enhancer](#) [2 see back] (Goethe-Institute Canada).

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). See “[Study Abroad](#)” on the MLL webpage.



Brandenburger Tor - Berlin

(Photo by Kelsey, 2010 participant of GER 525)

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Selected facts about German and Germany:

1. Germany is the world's second largest exporter (as of 2010).
2. German is the most commonly spoken language in the EU.
3. 18% of the world's books are published in German. The German Wikipedia is the second largest in the world)
4. Germany is home to numerous international corporations, e.g. BASF, BAYER, BMW, Mercedes...
5. German is no harder to learn to speak and write than other languages. (Cognates: Arm, Nase, Hand, Vater, Butter,...)
6. German is the second-most commonly used scientific language.
7. German is the language of Goethe, Nietzsche and Kafka. Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, Freud and Einstein also spoke German.
8. Speaking and understanding German will deepen your knowledge of the culture and improve your employment opportunities.
9. 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.
10. In many regions, Germans account for the largest percentage of tourists.

(Sources -edited-: [Goethe Institute Canada](#) & [Dartmouth College, USA](#).

Spring 2013

GER 102 Beginning II	10:30
GER 202 Intermediate II	9:30
GER 304 Civilization 1871-Present	1:30
GER 335 Conversation (Wed)	11:30
GER 328 Contemporary Culture	12:30
<i>(see Registrar's site for any changes/updates)</i>	

Fall 2013

GER 101 Beginning I	10:30
GER 102 Beginning II	9:30
GER 201 Intermediate I	9:30
GER 303 Civilization-1871	12:30
GER 335 Conversation (Wed)	11:30
GER 572 Reading Film	10:30

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

Questions or inquiries of any kind, e.g. German Major [3 see back] and Minor [4 see back] can be sent to...

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Selected Information from Webpages Mentioned on Page 1 / Major & Minor

[Note 1]. CulturalVistas.org:

(<http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals/internships-abroad/independent-work-abroad-in-germany>)

Independent Work Abroad in Germany: The Independent Work Abroad Program in Germany provides work authorization for students enrolled at U.S. universities and colleges (graduating seniors may also apply). Enrolled students from Canada and non-U.S. students attending accredited U.S. colleges and universities are also eligible.

Participants find their own host companies and negotiate the terms of employment. Programs start individually, usually at the beginning of each month. Apply at least six weeks prior to your desired start date...

[Note 2]. German is a Career Enhancer (from Goethe-Institute Canada): <http://www.goethe.de/ins/ca/lp/prj/wlg/gce/enindex.htm>

Knowledge of German improves your chances of employment. German companies abroad and foreign companies in Germany seek experts with a knowledge of German. Staff in international companies also enjoy an advantage if they know German. In the European Union there are interesting training, study and employment opportunities for specialists with this knowledge.

The enlargement of the EU continues to open up markets in Central and Eastern Europe for personnel who know German. Anyone who speaks German has much better prospects for a great career.

Professionals who know other languages are called on to travel and exchange information with people in other countries throughout their careers. Knowing more than one language enhances employment opportunities in government, business, law, medicine and health care, teaching, technology, the military, communications, social service, and marketing.

An employer will see you as a bridge to customers if you know a second language. You are also more likely to win the trust and friendship of people whose languages you know even if you don't speak it fluently.

Examples: BWM in Spartanburg, SC: <http://www.bmwusfactory.com/> ; Mercedes in Vance, AL: <http://mbusi.com/> ;

***** GERMAN MAJOR & MINOR *****

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

[Note 3]. German Major:

ADMISSION TO THE GERMAN STUDIES MAJOR: Completion of GER 202 or GER 303 with a grade of "C" or better.

The major in German Studies is composed of **27 semester hours**, beginning with GER 303. The last section offers 4 classes from other departments that will be counted towards the 27 credits for the Major! Not a German Major yet, [apply here](#) and make an appointment with us. Credits begin with GER303 and higher. Students take 6 credits from group A and group B. German Majors can also take 4 cross-listed courses: PLS 301, PLS 401, PHL 374, and PHL 459. These courses count towards the Major!

Study Abroad: A minimum of 15 semester hours towards the major must be Creighton courses.

[Note 4]. German Minor:

The Minor in German Studies is composed of **18 credit hours**, beginning with **GERMAN 201**. After a student has attained the proficiency of **GERMAN 304**, he/she must take at least 3 credits from *each* of Groups A and B.

Credits begin with GER 201 and higher. Students take 6 credits from group A and group B. [Apply here](#) for a German Minor.

Study Abroad: A minimum of 9 semester hours towards the major must be Creighton courses.

Classes offered on a rotational schedule: These classes count towards the Major and Minor.

GER 303 German Literature and Civilization I	GER 304 German Literature and Civilization II
GER 411 Introduction to German Literature	GER 527 German Literature of the 19th Century
GER 529 Contemporary German Literature	GER 545 German "Novelle": 19th and 20th Centuries
GER 572 Reading German Films	
GER 321 German for Business and Economics	GER 328 Contemporary German Culture: The Last 25 Years
GER 335 German Conversation (1 credit, take up to 3 times)	GER 406 German Immigrant Culture in the United States
GER 525 The New Berlin (travel course mid-May, 3 weeks)	GER 568 The Multiplicity of German Culture

GER 493 Directed Independent Readings (on demand)

GER 495 Directed Independent Study (on demand)

GER 497 Directed Independent Research (integrated into student's final upper-level course)