

German Studies Minor

Credits: 18

If placed into 300-level, 18 credits at or above 300-level for completion of minor.

Course Requirements for Minor

All of the following (9 credits):

GER 225 Intermediate German	3 crs
GER 303 German Literature & Civiliz. I	3 crs
GER 304 German Literature & Civiliz. II	3 crs

At least 3 credits from

Group A: Language & Culture

GER 321 German for Business & Econon.	3 crs
GER 328 Studies in Contemp. Ger. Culture	3 crs
GER 335 German Conversation	1 cr*

**This course may be repeated twice, for a maximum of 3 credits*

GER 525 The New Berlin (Travel course)	3 crs
GER 568 Multiplicity of German Culture	3 crs

At least 3 credits from

Group B: Literature & Film

GER 411 Introduction to German Literature	3 crs
GER 527 German 19 th Century Literature	3 crs
GER 529 Contemporary German Literature	3 crs
GER 545 German <i>Novelle</i>	3 crs
GER 572 Reading German Films	3 crs

Study Abroad: A minimum of **15 semester** hours must be Creighton courses.

Suggested Sequence of Courses

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GER 225 (counts for minor and major)	3 crs
GER 303 and 304	6 crs
GER 321 or higher, Group A	3-6 crs
GER 411 or higher, Group B	3-6 crs
Total Minor	18 credits

Major begins with GER 225 and higher:

GER 225 (counts for minor and major)	3 crs
GER 303 and 304	6 crs
GER 321 or higher, Group A	6-12 crs
GER 411 or higher, Group B	6-12 crs
GER/PLS 301 or 401 (optional)	0-6 crs
GER/PHL 374 or 459 (optional)	0-6 crs
HIS 456 or SRP 487 (optional)	0-6 crs

Total Major **27 credits**

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GERMAN STUDIES

Major & Minor

(2015-2016)

Knowing German

Brings More

Opportunities



German is the official language in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Luxembourg: There are about 101 million native German speakers!

German ranks as the second most frequently used language on the Internet after English!

Why study German?

Business & Economics

- ☒ Germany has the largest economy in the European Union and the third largest in the world. It is comparable to that of all the world's Spanish-speaking countries *combined*. It is also one of the world's leading exporters and importers
- ☒ Germany is the world's second-largest exporter (after China as of 2010).
- ☒ Germany is home to numerous international corporations.
- ☒ Direct investment by Germany in the United States is over ten billion dollars.

Language & Knowledge

- ☒ One quarter of Europeans speaks German and German ranks among the top 10 most frequently spoken languages in the world. It is also a lingua franca of Central and Eastern Europe. And as for "all Germans speak English anyway"? That's pure myth.
- ☒ Germans are world leaders in engineering.
- ☒ German and English are similar Germanic languages. For example, look at these words: *Haus = house, Buch = book, Finger = finger, Hand = hand, Name = name, Mutter = mother, schwimmen = to swim, singen = to sing, kommen = to come, blau = blue, alt = old, windig = windy* etc.
- ☒ Karl-Heinz Brandenburg invented the **MP3 audio format** in 1995. Other inventions are **fuel cells** (C.F. Schönbein), **chip card** (J. Dethloff, H. Gröttrup), **bar scanner** (R. Hell), **X-ray** (W. Röntgen), **automobile** (C. Benz & G. Daimler), **Aspirin** (F. Hoffmann), **jet engine** (H.v. Ohain), **bicycle** (Karl v. Drais), ...

Literature & Culture

- ☒ German is the language of Goethe, Marx, Nietzsche, and Kafka, of Mann, Brecht, and Grass. Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, and Schubert, Brahms, Schumann, Wagner, Mahler, and Schoenberg spoke and wrote German, as did Freud, Weber, Einstein, and Heisenberg, Kant, Hegel, and Heidegger.
 - ☒ German is the second most commonly used scientific language in the world.
 - ☒ 18% of the world's books are published in German, and relatively few of these ever appear in English translation.
 - ☒ 68% of all Japanese students study German. What do they know that you don't?
 - ☒ Many of the Western world's most important works of philosophy, literature, music, art history, theology, psychology, chemistry, physics, engineering and medicine are written in German and continue to be produced in German.
- Sources: Goethe Institute, Boston University and Dartmouth College*

What can you expect when studying German at CU?

- ☒ personal attention in student-focused learning community;
- ☒ cross-cultural communication skills and global perspectives;
- ☒ proficiency-based language learning;
- ☒ international Goethe tests, if desired;
- ☒ Faculty-led travel seminar GER 525 "The New Berlin" (summer pre-session)
- ☒ Additional study abroad, as possible.

Knowing German = More Opportunities

(updated: 9 April 2015)

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Optional: cross-listed PLS and PHL courses

PLS 301 Western Europ. Political Systems	3 crs
PLS 401 The European Union	3 crs
PHL 374 History of 19 th Cent. Philosophy	3 crs
PHL 459 Marxism	3 crs
HIS 546 Modern Germany	3 crs
SRP 487 The Bible and the Holocaust	3 crs

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