

# GERMAN

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Majors Offered	Options in Major	Number Credits	Recommended Required GER	Prereq	Recommended Minor
BA in German		24	Recommended GERMN 240 GERMN 241		12 credits in any department or program leading to the BA, with approval of German dept. chair.
	Preparation for teaching grades 7-12: includes 9 additional advanced credits in German language and literature, or other 300-level courses related to German studies offered by other departments (with approval of German dept. chair)	33			23-credit education sequence (see School of Education section)

The Department of German offers courses in the language, literature and culture of German-speaking countries. Courses in the German language are offered at the elementary (100), intermediate (200) and advanced (300) level. Courses in German literature and culture, taught in German, are offered at the 300-400 level. The entire language and literature curriculum is designed to guide beginners in the language through well-defined levels of proficiency in speaking, reading, writing and comprehension to the point of college-level literacy in German. The proficiency-testing system used in the department makes it possible to place students who have prior knowledge of the German language at the level most appropriate to their needs.

The goals of the elementary and intermediate courses, which fulfill the foreign language requirement, are:

- To give all students a real ability to function in everyday situations in the German language.
- To create a solid linguistic base for the further study of German at the advanced level.

The goals of the advanced language, literature and culture courses are:

- To impart knowledge and understanding of German literature and civilization, past and present.
- To develop students' comprehension of spoken and written German to the level of understanding the classics of German prose, drama and poetry.
- To build students' capacity for intellectual discourse in written and spoken German.

The German Department also offers courses in German literature in English translation for students who have no knowledge of the German language. These courses may not be used to fulfill the foreign language requirement, nor may they be applied toward the regular German major.

## Foreign Language Requirement

- Students who begin German as a new language will fulfill the foreign language requirement by taking 12 credits in the required courses: GERMN 101-102 (or 103), 201-202 (or 203).
- Students who enter with one year of high school German must take 9 crs: GERMN 102, GERMN 201-202 (or 203).
- Students who enter with two years of high school German must take 6 crs: GERMN 201-202 (or 203).
- Students who enter with three years of high school German must take 3 crs: GERMN 202.
- Students who enter with four years of high school German may be exempted from the foreign language requirement (see the General Education Requirement section of this catalog).

Students with competence in German other than that shown on a high school transcript must consult the department chair for information on placement examinations.

Advanced courses in language, level I:  
GERMN 301, 302, 310, 312, 313

Advanced courses in literature, level I:  
GERMN 320, 321, 322, 323, 326, 327, 328, 334, 335, 336, 339

Advanced courses in literature, level II:  
GERMN 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 353, 359

Advanced courses in language, level II:  
GERMN 381, 383

Special projects: GERMN 444, 491, 492, 493, 498

At least 12 credits must be earned by taking classes numbered between 320 and 359 or 444.

At least three of these 12 credits must be from classes numbered between 341 and 359 or 444.

Students should consult the department chair to plan their course of studies in German. Students who begin German in college may count GERMN 201 and GERMN 202 (or GERMN 203) as major courses. Students who began German elsewhere should consult the chair regarding placement in the German major.

## Preparation for Teaching in Grades 7-12

In cooperation with the School of Education, the program in German provides opportunities for students to prepare for a career in teaching

German in grades 7-12. Students preparing to teach German must complete a 33-credit major option (Option 2) for teaching that includes the 24-credit sequence (Option 1) taken by non-teaching majors plus 9 additional credits: GERMN 399 and 6 additional credits in advanced GERMN language and literature courses in the German Department between GERMN 301 and GERMN 444 or GERMN 240, 241 or 300-level courses related to German studies offered in other departments (with prior approval by the chairperson of the German Department). Students interested in teaching German in New York schools may count the 23-credit pedagogical sequence for grades 7-12 as a minor. This minor may count toward the course requirements for New York State Certification but will not by itself be sufficient for certification. Students interested in a teaching career should consult with the School of Education. All students who want to pursue a teaching certificate in German must take an oral examination with the German Department. See the School of Education section of this catalog for further information.

## Minor

German majors may select a 12-credit minor in any department or program that leads to a BA degree. The courses must be approved by the chair of the German Department.

## MAJOR

The major consists of 24 credits chosen from the following courses:

## Minor for Non-Majors

A German minor consists of 12 credits; at least 6 credits should be in advanced courses (GERMN 301-359 or 444). Students who elect to minor in German should consult their major department for approval.

## Electives

All courses offered are open to all qualified students as electives. For placement, consult the department chair.

## Honors, Tutorials

Consult the department chair for these special programs. In order to graduate with departmental honors the student has to write an honors essay in GERMN 491. Please check under "Academic Honors" for exact details. Students qualifying can also be elected to the German Honor Society Sigma Epsilon Phi. Please consult the department for exact requirements.

## Study Abroad

The German Department sponsors a summer study abroad program in Kassel, Germany, for students at all levels.

## Exchange Program with Pädagogische Hochschule Karlsruhe, Germany

Each year, one Hunter College student will receive substantial financial support to spend the academic year studying in Karlsruhe. Please consult the department for details.

## International Examinations

The German Department is a testing site for the "Zertifikat Deutsch" and "Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung". These examinations are given world-wide by the Goethe Institute, the cultural arm of the German government.

## COURSE LISTINGS

Note: GERMN 101 is not credited without GERMN 102. All other courses are credited singly.

### BEGINNING COURSES

#### GERMN 101 Elementary German I

Not credited without GERMN 102. Practice in 4 basic skills of speaking, reading, writing and comprehending German. For beginners.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

#### GERMN 102 Elementary German II

Continued practice in speaking, reading, writing and comprehending German.

prereq: GERMN 101 or equiv.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

#### GERMN 103 Intensive Elementary German

Intensive practice in 4 basic skills of German. Covers in one semester material normally covered in two.

6 hrs, 6 cr.

#### GERMN 106 German through Lieder

Studying and singing of German songs for additional language practice.

prereq: GERMN 101 or equiv.

1 hr, 1 cr.

#### GERMN 111 Elementary German for Reading Purposes

Basic grammar for reading knowledge of German. Reading and translation of short texts on a variety of topics.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

#### GERMN 112 Intermediate German for Reading Purposes

Intensive reading of increasingly difficult works in German on literary, cultural and scientific topics.

prereq: GERMN 111 or equiv.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

#### GERMN 201 Intermediate German I

Practice in comprehending and communicating in German at the intermediate level. Review of basic structures and study of advanced grammar topics.

prereq: GERMN 102 or equiv.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

#### GERMN 201.50 Intermediate German Workshop I

Additional practice in spoken and written German. Intended to improve the speaking skill of students taking GERMN 201.

coreq: GERMN 201

1 hr, 1 cr.

#### GERMN 202 Intermediate German II

Grammar review and composition. Reading and discussion of selected literary texts.

prereq: GERMN 201 or equiv.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

#### GERMN 202.50 Intermediate German Workshop II

Intermediate conversation course open to students enrolled in GERMN 202. Conversation on topics from everyday life in modern Germany.

coreq: GERMN 202

2 hrs, 2 cr.

#### GERMN 203 Intensive Intermediate German

Covers in one semester material normally covered in two.

prereq: GERMN 102, 103 or equiv.

6 hrs, 6 cr.

#### GERMN 211 Advanced German Reading

Extensive reading of difficult German texts in various fields of the humanities, arts and sciences.

prereq: GERMN 112 or equiv.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

#### GERMN 399 Second Language Acquisition

A survey of issues and approaches to second language acquisition. For students planning to teach languages other than English in grades 7-12.

prereqs: at least three courses at the 300-level in the language, ENGL 120

3 hrs, 3 cr.

### ADVANCED COURSES

#### (Conducted in German)

A varying selection of the following courses will be offered in alternate years in accordance with student needs. Please consult the chair of the department or a departmental adviser for specific details.

#### GERMN 301 Advanced German Comprehension and Conversation GER 3/A

Intensive practice in reading and listening to German texts and in conversational German; some essay writing.

prereq: GERMN 202 or equiv.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

#### GERMN 302 Advanced German Conversation and Composition GER 3/A

Intensive practice in speaking and writing German.

prereq: GERMN 202 or equiv.

3 hrs, 3 cr.



**GERMN 310 Advanced Studies in German Language**  
GER 3/A

Intensive language study in a German speaking country. May be repeated once at a different level.  
*prereq:* GERMN 202 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 312 Introduction to Business German**  
GER 3/A

Introduction to the specialized language of German business and economics and intensive practice in German terminology and style on such topics as banking and finance, the corporate structure and the European Union.  
*prereq:* GERMN 301 or *perm instr.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 313 Advanced Business German**  
GER 3/A

Intensive practice for students with a knowledge of business terminology in German on such topics as industrial production, the service industries, employment and taxation.  
*prereq:* GERMN 312 or *perm instr.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 320 Studies in German Literature and Language**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Discussion of literary topics or linguistic phenomena. May be repeated with a different topic.  
*prereq:* GERMN 202 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 321 Readings in Modern German Literature**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Discussion of selected works of such writers as Thomas Mann, Hesse, Brecht, Kafka and Frisch.  
*prereq:* GERMN 202 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 322 German Civilization**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Introduction to key topics in German history, politics, arts, literature and sciences.  
*prereq:* GERMN 202 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 323 Women in German Literature**  
GER 3/A PD/C

Reading and discussion of literature from the 19th century to the present written in German by and about women.  
*prereq:* GERMN 202 or 203 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 327 Modern Swiss Literature**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Reading and discussion of literature written in German by Swiss authors since the 19th century.  
*prereq:* GERMN 202 or 203 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 328 German Children's and Adolescent Literature**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Reading and discussion of literature for young readers and adolescents.  
*prereq:* GERMN 202 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 334 The German Short Story and Novelle**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Discussion of short narrative works from age of Goethe to present (new number 334 instead of 324).  
*prereq:* GERMN 202 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 335 German Radio Plays (Hörspiel)**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Listening to and discussion of literary radio plays from the 1950s to today.  
*prereq:* GERMN 202 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 336 German Lyric Poetry**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Discussion of important lyrics from Baroque period to present (new number 336 instead of 326).  
*prereq:* GERMN 202 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 339 German Drama from Naturalism to Present**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Discussion of dramas by such writers as Hauptmann, Wedekind, Brecht, Dürrenmatt, Frisch and Handke (new number 339 instead of 329).  
*prereq:* GERMN 202 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 341 German Drama from Age of Goethe to Naturalism**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Discussion of dramas by such writers as Goethe, Schiller, Kleist, Büchner, Grillparzer and Hebbel.  
*prereq:* one course numbered from GERMN 320 to 359 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 342 The German Novel**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Discussion of narrative works by such writers as Goethe, Keller, Fontane, T. Mann, Kafka, Döblin and Böll.  
*prereq:* one course numbered from GERMN 320 to 359 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 344 Readings in Classical Period of German Literature**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Discussion of selected works by Lessing, Goethe and Schiller.  
*prereq:* one course numbered from GERMN 320 to 359 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 345 Literature of Weimar Republic**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Discussion of literary works and documents influential in German life between 1918 and 1933.  
*prereq:* one course numbered from GERMN 320 to 359 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 346 German Literature of the 1930s and 1940s**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Reading and discussion of literature written between the time of the Weimar Republic and 1945.  
*prereq:* one course numbered from GERMN 320 to 359 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 347 German Literature 1945-1995**  
GER 3/A

Reading and discussion of German literature written between 1945 and 1995.  
*prereq:* one course numbered from GERMN 320 to 359 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 348 East German Literature (1945-1990)**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Reading and discussion in German of literature written in East Germany during the existence of the German Democratic Republic as a sovereign state.  
*prereq:* one course numbered GERMN 320 to 359 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 349 The End of East Germany in Literature, Film and Memory**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Discussion of literature and film as well as conducting live interviews with Germans dealing with the end of the GDR. Course offered in conjunction with our study abroad program in Kassel.  
*prereqs:* GERMN 301 or 302, plus one course numbered GERMN 320 to 359 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 350 Austrian Literature**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Discussion of literature and culture of the fin-de-siècle Vienna.  
*prereq:* one course numbered from GERMN 320 to 359 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 353 Goethe's Faust**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Intensive study of Goethe's *Faust*, Parts I and II.  
*prereq:* one course numbered from GERMN 320 to 359 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 359 German Literary Seminar**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Seminar study of significant theme in German literature, German author or literary movement or genre. May be repeated with a different topic.  
*prereq:* one course numbered from GERMN 320 to 359 or *equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 381 The German Press of Today: Reading and Understanding Newspapers and Magazines**  
GER 3/A

Reading and discussion of present-day German newspapers and magazines.  
*prereqs:* two courses numbered GERMN 300 or above or *equiv.* (excluding courses in English translation)  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 383 German Grammar for Upper-Level Discourse**  
GER 3/A

Study of German grammar from basic to complex structures. Intensive practice in control of grammatical forms at high levels of spoken and written discourse.

*prereqs: three courses above GERMN 300 or equiv (excluding courses in English translation)*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 399 Second Language Acquisition**  
GER 3/A

A survey of issues and approaches to second language acquisition. For students planning to teach languages other than English in grades 7-12.

*prereqs: at least three courses at the 300 level in the language, ENGL 120*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 444 Seminar Studies in German Literature and Language**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Seminar study of literary topic or linguistic phenomenon. May be repeated with a different topic.

*prereq: GERMN 202 or equiv.*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 491 Honors Project**

Open to Jr/Sr only. Individual study and independent research in consultation with faculty member. Honors essay required.

*prereq: perm chair*  
3 cr.

**GERMN 492 Independent Study in German**

Number of credits to be determined in advance in consultation with faculty member on basis of work planned.

*prereq: perm chair*  
1-3 cr.

**GERMN 493 Individual Studies Project in German Studies**

Individual research on German-studies topic under direction of faculty member. Written report required.

*prereq: perm chair*  
3 cr.

**GERMN 498 Internship**

*prereq: perm of chair*  
1-4 cr.

**COURSES IN GERMAN LITERATURE AND CIVILIZATION (Conducted in English)**

Note: No knowledge of German required.

**GERMN 240(W) German Thought and Culture: A Survey**  
GER 2/C PD/D

Discussion of the German contribution in the fields of art, literature, music, philosophy in historical perspective.

*pre- or coreq: ENGL 120*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 241(W) German Fairy Tales in Translation**  
GER 2/C PD/D

Reading and discussion of traditional and literary fairy tales of Germany. Cross-cultural comparison of various fairy-story traditions; development of motifs through various ages and cultures.

*pre- or coreq: ENGL 120*  
3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 372(W) Germany in the Twenties**  
GER/3/A PD/D

Literature, art and politics in Germany between World War I and Third Reich, 1918-1933.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 374(W) Masterpieces of German Literature in English Translation**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Discussion of some outstanding works of German literature.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

**GERMN 379/479 Studies/Seminar Studies in German Literature in English Translation**  
GER 3/A PD/D

Discussion and analysis of literary movement, genre, major topic or important author.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

**Courses Not Offered in 2004-2007:****GERMN 343 German Literature from Its Origins to the Age of Goethe****GERMN 361 Gottfried von Strassburg: Tristan****GERMN 362 Wolfram von Eschenbach: Parzival****GERMN 363 Goethe's Faust****GERMN 364 Heinrich von Kleist****GERMN 365 Georg Büchner****GERMN 366 Hermann Hesse****GERMN 367 Hermann Hesse: Magister Ludi****GERMN 368 Rainer Maria Rilke's Duino Elegies****GERMN 369 Thomas Mann's The Magic Mountain****GERMN 370 Franz Kafka****GERMN 371 Bertolt Brecht****GERMN 376 Masterpieces of Modern German Prose in English Translation****GERMN 378 Masterpieces of German Drama in English Translation**