

German



WASHINGTON
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COLLEGE

The German Program of the Department of Modern Languages **develops the skills, knowledge and qualities necessary to communicate and interact in German-speaking cultures around the world.** The German Program is a nationally recognized Center of Excellence by the AATG. Courses range from language acquisition to literature and film, and the major can be tailored to the cultural and career interests of the student through independent studies, internships and funded international opportunities.

Major Requirements

Depending on course placement*, students will take the following courses:

Beginner German I and II (GER 105 & 106)

Intermediate German I and II (GER 207 & 208)

Advanced German I and II (GER 309 & 310)

One course at the 300 or 400-level (Excluding Advanced German I and II [GER 309 & 310])

Three 400-level courses

Study abroad/cultural immersion experience

**The German major is based on language proficiency. All students begin with placement into a course appropriate with their previous knowledge of German. The placement will determine their first course in the sequence.*

Minor Requirements

Depending on course placement*, students will take the following courses:

Beginner German I and II (GER 105 & 106)

Intermediate German I and II (GER 207 & 208)

Advanced German I and II (GER 309 & 310)

One course at the 400-level
[Students who start at Advanced German I (GER 309) are not eligible to complete a minor.]

**The German minor is based on language proficiency. All students begin with placement into a course appropriate with their previous knowledge of German. The placement will determine their first course in the sequence.*

400-level Course Topics

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Environmental Issues in the German Speaking World
- From Germania to Germany
- Women in German Film
- German Fairy Tales
- German Crime and Detective Fiction
- The UNCANNY in German Literature
- Witch Trials & Reformation-- Early Modern German Literature and Culture
- German Poetry
- Germany 1945 to Today

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Beyond the Classroom

Students in German have a wide array of opportunities for German-oriented research, internships, conferences and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J. A student's academic achievements can help them join the academic honor society Delta Phi Alpha or be awarded one of two yearly prizes: the Richard S. Pett Academic Travel Award in Languages or The J. Adolph Schmitz Prize in Language.

Travel Abroad and Internships

- Semester-long stays in German-speaking countries (Berlin, Cologne and Lüneburg, Germany, as well as Vienna and Graz, Austria) and year-long stays in Munich, Germany.
- Summer Magellan Projects and study abroad in German-speaking countries (any German-speaking country of your choice).
- May Term two-week travel courses led by W&J faculty with other W&J students to German-speaking countries. (Destinations vary.)
- Semester or year-long GER 198 internship
- Local or international summer internships.

Alumni Achievements

- Legislative Assistant in the U.S. House of Representatives
- Attorney and Mayor of Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania
- German Teacher in Loudoun County, Virginia
- Manager of Customer Insights & Engagement, BMW Finance China

Employment

Careers after W&J include:

- Teacher Certification for German
- Medical Professions
- Lawyer
- Journalist
- Diplomat
- Professor
- International Science Researcher
- Law Enforcement
- Government Agencies
- International Business
- Banking
- Patent Attorney
- Translator

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A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College Catalog.



Program Website

washjeff.edu/german