

# GERMAN, B.A.

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus

**End Campus:** University Park

## Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Arts degree in German, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

| Requirement                          | Credits |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| General Education                    | 45      |
| Electives                            | 17      |
| Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements | 24      |
| Requirements for the Major           | 34      |

**3 of the 24 credits for Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements are included in the Requirements for the Major, General Education, or Electives and 0-12 credits are included in Electives if foreign language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.**

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

### Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44>).

| Code  | Title  | Credits |
|---|--|---------|
| <b>Prescribed Courses</b>   |  |         |
| <i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>             |  |         |
| GER 301   | Intermediate Speaking and Listening            | 3       |
| GER 302W  | Intermediate Composition and Grammar           | 3       |
| GER 310   | Introduction to the Study of German Literature | 3       |
| GER 344   | Intermediate German Culture                    | 3       |
| GER 401Y  | Advanced Composition                           | 3       |
| <b>Additional Courses</b>   |  |         |
| <i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>             |  |         |
| GER 201<br>or GER 208Y  | Conversation and Composition                   | 4       |
| Select 3 credits of the following:                                    |  | 3       |
| GER 200   | German at the 100-level                        |         |
| Select 6 credits in German literature and culture from the following: |  | 6       |
| GER 420   | Genre  |         |
| GER 431   | History of German Literature and Culture I     |         |
| GER 432   | History of German Literature and Culture II    |         |
| GER 440   | Seminar in German Culture                      |         |
| GER 472   | Romanticism                                    |         |

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| GER 489 | Introduction to German Film History and Theory in Context |
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Select 3 credits in German linguistics and applied linguistics from the following: 3

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| GER 411 | The Teaching of German                            |
| GER 412 | Contrastive Analysis of Modern German and English |

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| GER 430 | History of the German Language |
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Select 3 additional credits of German at the 300- or 400-level 3

### General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

#### Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

#### Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

#### Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

#### Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

### University Degree Requirements

#### First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

### **Cultures Requirement**

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

### **Writing Across the Curriculum**

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

### **Total Minimum Credits**

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

### **Quality of Work**

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

### **Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition**

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

## **B.A. Degree Requirements**

**Foreign Language** (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. See the Placement Policy for Penn State Foreign Language Courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/placement-policy-world-language-courses/>).

**B.A. Fields** (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, Foreign Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major; foreign language credits in this category must be in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language)

**Other Cultures** (0-3 credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the General Education US/IL requirement.