Bachelor of Arts in German Studies

Why study Germanic languages and literatures?

Translingual and transcultural competence will help students participate actively and productively in our increasingly global world.

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (http://admissions.ku.edu) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (http://www.iss.ku.edu) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (http://credittransfer.ku.edu) website.

Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

First- and Second-Year Preparation

The following should be completed as early as possible:

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Requirements for the B.A. Major

Required Courses

After completion of GERM 202 Intermediate German II, students must complete 16 credits as follows:

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GERM 315 and GERM 316 must be completed before students can take a course beyond GERM 402 (except GERM 462).

Admission to 400- and 500-level courses after GERM 402 (except GERM 462) without completion of GERM 315 and GERM 316 is only with permission of the Undergraduate Advisor.

Elective Courses

A minimum of 14 credit hours at the 300, 400, and 500 levels must be completed beyond the required courses. 12 of these credit hours must be at the 400 or 500 level. In exceptional cases, undergraduates may take courses at the 600 level with permission of the Undergraduate Advisor and the instructor.

With permission of the Undergraduate Advisor, 6 credit hours at the 300, 400, or 500 levels may be counted toward the major by completing two approved courses offered by other departments with significant content related to German-speaking Europe; permission of the Undergraduate Advisor is required. A 600-level course may be counted with approval of the Undergraduate Advisor.

Germanic languages & literatures majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad and should discuss this opportunity with the Undergraduate Advisor early in their undergraduate career.

Major Hours & Major GPA

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:

Major Hours

Satisfied by 30 hours of major courses.

Major Hours in Residence

At least 15 hours of coursework at the 300, 400, and 500 levels, including the senior capstone course, GERM 580, must be completed in residence at KU.

Major Junior/Senior Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 30 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

Major Junior/Senior Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in Germanic Languages and Literatures. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill KU Core Goals, please visit the KU Core website (http://kucore.ku.edu/courses).

Freshman

Fall Hours Spring Hours
ENGL 101 (Goal 2.1 (2 crs req), BA Writing I) 1 3 ENGL 102 (Goal 2.1 (2 crs req), BA Writing II) 3
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MATH 101 (Goal 1.2 Quantitative Reasoning)  3 Quantitative Reasoning (Goal 1.2, BA Quantitative Reasoning)  3

First Year Seminar (Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking)  3 COMS 130 (Goal 2.2 Communication)  3

GERM 104 (Major Pre-Requisite)  5 Goal 3 Social Science  3

Elective or possible minor course (Total Hours)  3 GERM 108 (Major Pre-Requisite)  5

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Sophomore Hours Spring Hours

GERM 201 (Major Pre-Requisite)  3 GERM 202 (Major Pre-Requisite, BA Second Language)  3

Goal 3 Humanities  3 Goal 3 Natural Science  3

Goal 4.1 US Diversity  3 Lab Science (BA Lab Requirement)  1-2

Elective or possible minor course (Total Hours)  3 Elective or possible minor course (Total Hours)  3

Elective or possible minor course (Total Hours)  3 Elective or possible minor course (Total Hours)  3

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Junior Hours Spring Hours

GERM 301 (Major Requirement)  3 Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics  3

GERM 315 (Major Requirement)  3 GERM 302 (Major Requirement)  3

GERM 316 (Major Requirement)  1 GERM Elective 300-500+ (Major Requirement)  3

Elective or possible minor course (Total Hours)  3 GERM Elective 300-500+ (Major Requirement)  3

Elective or possible minor course (Total Hours)  3 Elective or possible minor course 300+ (Total Hours)  3

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Senior Hours Spring Hours

GERM 401 (Major Requirement)  3 GERM 580 (Goal 6 Integration & Creativity, Major Requirement)  3

GERM Elective 300-500+ (Major Requirement)  3 GERM 300-500+ Elective (Major Requirement)  3

GERM Elective 300-500+ (Major Requirement)  3 LA&S 490 (Recommended, or elective)  3

Elective or possible minor course 300+ (Total Hours)  3 Elective or possible minor course 300+ (Total Hours)  3

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Total Hours: 120-121

1 The BA requires completion of two courses of collegiate-level writing instruction. Students who test out of Composition will still need to complete ENGL 102 (or equivalent) and one additional Goal 2.1 course.

2 GERM 104, GERM 108, GERM 201, GERM 202, GERM 203, GERM 301, and GERM 302 all fulfill Goal 4.2 Global Awareness. Completing one of these courses fulfills Goal 4.2; it does not matter which course a student takes to begin German language study.

3 Visit this website (http://college.ku.edu/undergrad/curriculum/ba_QR) for a list of courses that fulfill the BA Quantitative Reasoning requirement.

Please note:

All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are required to completed 120 total hours of which 45 hours must be at the Jr/Sr (300+) level.

The same course cannot be used to fulfill more than one KU Core Goal. However, overlap of a KU Core course with a major or degree-specific requirement is allowed. Overlapping is recommended to allow more opportunities to explore other majors and/or minors.

Departmental Honors in German

To qualify for the B.A. in Germanic Languages & Literatures with Honors, the student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 overall and 3.5 in German at graduation. Students must complete an honors research project during their final year at KU. Topics are selected in consultation with the faculty project advisor from Germanic Languages & Literatures. Applications for departmental honors must be submitted by the end of the first week of classes, normally during the fall of senior year. Upon acceptance of an application, the student registers for the GERM 598 - GERM 599 sequence. The student presents the completed research project to the project advisor and two other members of the Departmental Honors Committee about one month before concluding his or her final semester at KU. A grade of B or higher in GERM 598 and GERM 599 is required for departmental honors. GERM 598 and GERM 599 may not be used to satisfy other course requirements.

Study Abroad

The department conducts two Summer Language Institutes in Germany for students in second-, third-, and fourth-year German. Students normally enroll for 6-9 credit hours and live with German families.

Juniors and seniors are encouraged to spend a semester or a full academic year at a university in Germany. Consult with the Office of Study Abroad and the Undergraduate Advisor early in your undergraduate career.

Graduating seniors may apply for Direct Exchange Program fellowships at universities in Germany. For information, consult the department (http://germanic.ku.edu) or the Office of International Programs (http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu)