

Department of Germanic Studies

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The Department of Germanic Studies offers language and culture courses at the beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels. Courses at all levels emphasize the development of language fluency and cultural competency, as well as critical-thinking and effective writing skills. Course offerings cover a wide array of topics including film, Business German, and contemporary media.

Courses in Yiddish language, literature, and culture are also offered.

The department offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts with Majors in Germanic Studies and Germanic Studies with a Business Minor, as well as the BA in the Teaching of German. A minor is offered in the Germanic Studies as well.

Students who major or minor in Germanic Studies may use their training in a variety of occupations, including teaching, translation, international marketing, banking and commerce, diplomatic service, and journalism.

Distinction

Students who complete the major with a GPA of 3.60/4.00 in courses applied to the major are recommended for Departmental Distinction. Students who qualify for Distinction and complete GER 398 may qualify for High or Highest Distinction.

Foreign Language Requirement

The courses required for completing the foreign language requirement are:

Code	Title	Hours
Courses		
GER 101 & GER 102 & GER 103 & GER 104	Elementary German I and Elementary German II and Intermediate German I and Intermediate German II	16
OR		
GER 106 & GER 107	Intensive Elementary German and Intensive Intermediate German	16

Overseas Program

A portion of the credits toward the majors offered by the Department of Germanic Studies may be earned through a Study Abroad Program. The department offers a program in Berlin, Germany, and one in Vienna, Austria. GER 103 level language proficiency or higher is required for the UIC program in Berlin. GER 104 level language proficiency or higher is required for the Austria Illinois program in Vienna. Students should apply through the Study Abroad office (<https://studyabroad.uic.edu>). More information about study abroad in Berlin and Vienna (<https://lcsl.uic.edu/>

germanic/study-abroad) is on the Department of Germanic Studies website.

Degree Programs

- BA with a Major in Germanic Studies (<http://catalog.uic.edu/ucate/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/ger/ba-ger>)
- BA with a Major in Germanic Studies with a Business Minor (<http://catalog.uic.edu/ucate/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/ger/ba-ger-minor-bus>)
- BA in the Teaching of German (<http://catalog.uic.edu/ucate/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/ger/ba-teach-ger>)

Minor

- Minor in Germanic Studies (<http://catalog.uic.edu/ucate/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/ger/minor-ger>)

Campus Certificates

- Certificate in German Language (<http://catalog.uic.edu/ucate/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/ger/certificate-german>)