The Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures at The Ohio State University provides instruction in German language, literature and culture. For students majoring in German there is a balanced program of literary, cultural and linguistic study together with practice in speaking and writing. For students not able to build language study into their programs, courses are offered in literature, culture and film in translation with readings and lectures in English. In addition, the department offers instruction in Swedish and Yiddish.

Pursuing German at Ohio State
All freshman applicants are considered within a competitive admission process; find admissions criteria at go.osu.edu/admissions.

Upon admission to the university, students can declare a major in German within the College of Arts and Sciences. Interested students should contact the undergraduate advisor in the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures and the Arts and Sciences.

Students will work with their advisors to develop a plan of study that focuses and defines a student's interests with specialized and deep understanding of a single field of knowledge.

German Requirements
All undergraduate students majoring in German must complete German 1101–1103 plus the following:
- 9 credit hours of intermediate and advanced German
- Introduction to German Studies
- 15 credit hours of German Studies
- 6 credit hours from a list of approved electives in German Studies

Co-Curricular Opportunities
Ohio State offers many opportunities for students to learn and grow outside of the classroom. These range from cooperative education (co-op) and internships to study abroad programs to student organizations. Co-ops and internships place students in professional environments while they are Ohio State students. Ohio State offers more than 100 study abroad programs in 40 countries around the world. In addition, there are hundreds of student organizations on campus to meet the interests of a diverse student population. These opportunities enable students to gain valuable work experience, learn about cultures and take on leadership roles before they enter the workforce.

On-campus student housing in the Max Kade German House offers students an excellent opportunity to improve language skills and experience German culture.

The Ohio State University Bonn Program
This program, administered jointly by Ohio State and the University of Bonn, offers undergraduate students the chance to study at a German university. Students earn college credit while studying a broad range of topics. In addition to their classes, students may embark on individual pursuits ranging from internship opportunities to extra-curricular events such as acting with a theatre troupe or singing in a chorus. Students are further integrated into German college life by living with German students in the university dormitories.

The Ohio State Summer Program in Dresden
The department maintains an eight-week summer program in cooperation with the Technical University in Dresden. Students can receive 9–10 hours of Ohio State credit on the program, which allows them to complete their language requirement and complete at least three credit hours of General Education requirements in Germany. Opportunities for using the language and experiencing German culture make the program particularly attractive for students with international interests. Intermediate courses are also offered for those students working toward a German major or minor.

Honors & Scholars Programs
Ohio State offers the Honors and Scholars programs to create an environment of intellectual support and stimulation within a close-knit community of high-ability undergraduate students. Through these programs, students have access to smaller classes, undergraduate research opportunities, close working relationships with faculty, priority scheduling and unique housing options.

Honors and Scholars programs represent great opportunities to be part of a smaller community within a large university. Learn more at honors-scholars.osu.edu.

Career Prospects in German
Beginning and intermediate language instruction seeks to prepare students to use German in daily life, in other disciplines or in advanced work in the department. Undergraduates with special interests, such as translation, business or current events, will find those interests reflected in the department’s course offerings.

The flexibility of Ohio State’s German major makes it easier to combine a second major such as history, international studies, journalism, political science or another foreign language with

For more information, check these websites:

Germanic Languages and Literatures: germanic.osu.edu
College of Arts and Sciences: artsandsciences.osu.edu
Ohio State: osu.edu
Admissions: undergrad.osu.edu
Multicultural Center: multiculturalcenter.osu.edu
First Year Experience: fye.osu.edu
German. Traditionally students majoring in German pursue a liberal arts program. Many use their liberal arts preparation as a stepping-stone to advanced study or professional preparation in fields such as medicine or law. However, other options are possible; for instance, a number of internships or trainee programs are open to German majors in the field of international business. A growing number of students are opting for a double major in German and engineering fields, where knowledge of German can open doors to overseas employment. Students who have a major or minor in German may combine their BA degree with a MA from the College of Education and become public school teachers.

The graduate program in German helps students to formulate, pursue and complete specialized research interests. The department strives to train the critical mind to contribute significantly to the profession as teacher and as scholar. The graduate curriculum in German provides practical and theoretical language teacher training for graduate associates in German.

It is difficult to predict the salary of German major graduates because their professional options are quite diverse from beginning teacher to faculty positions at the assistant professor rank. Graduates working in the fields of business, publication, consulting, government, law, medicine or other areas also have wide salary ranges.

**Career Counseling and Job Placement**

Students can explore career options by utilizing Career Connection as well as the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office. Providing complimentary services, Career Connection focuses on helping students establish a career direction, while the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office assists students with finding internships—experiences that are essential to testing out the suitability of career fields they are considering. Located in 48 Townshend Hall, the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office also assists seniors and recent graduates with finding entry-level career employment. More information about both offices is found at asccareerservices.osu.edu and careerconnection.osu.edu.

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**Curriculum Sample**

This is a sample list of classes a student may take to pursue the Culture and Language track in German. Since university students need more than specific education in a narrow field, they also will take classes to complete General Education (GE) requirements. Because GE courses come from a variety of academic areas of study, this course work helps students develop fundamental skills essential to collegiate success and allows them to tailor these courses toward their interests. Note: This sample represents one of several possible paths to a degree in German. Consult the departmental website, germanic.osu.edu, for details on each specific track.

**Freshman Year:**
- Survey course 1
- Freshman Seminar 1
- German 1* 4
- German 2* 4
- Introduction to German Studies 3
- Elective courses 3
- GE courses 15
- **Total hours 31**

**Sophomore Year:**
- German 3* 4
- Texts and Contexts I: Contemporary German Language, Culture and Society* 3
- Elective courses 9
- GE courses 15
- **Total hours 31**

**Junior Year:**
- Texts and Contexts II: 20th-Century German Language, History, and Culture 3
- Texts and Contexts III: Historical Perspectives 3
- Topics in German Literature, Art and Film 3
- Topics in German Culture Studies, Social and Intellectual History 3
- German for the Professions I 3
- GE courses 15
- **Total hours 30**

**Senior Year:**
- German for the Professions II 3
- Senior Seminar in German 3
- Senior Seminar in German Studies 3
- German Internship 3
- Elective courses 6
- GE courses 15
- **Total hours 33**

*Students who have had high school German may receive examination (EM) credit for some or all of these courses.

**Revised January 2014.** Information subject to change. For the most up-to-date information on the German program, please visit germanic.osu.edu.

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