
German

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In the College of Arts and Letters

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Offered by the Department of European Studies

Major in German with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Emphasis in German studies.

Major in European studies with emphasis in German.

See European Studies.

Major in international business, with emphasis in German.

See International Business.

Minor in German.

The Major

The German language is widely spoken in many countries today. It is also a primary language of scholarship in such diverse fields as chemistry, medicine, military science, history, linguistics, art, physics, electronics, photography, and the natural sciences.

Students who major in German will gain proficiency in German language skills, and the department offers a broad variety of courses designed to prepare majors for a number of careers after graduation. A major in German is also a good preparatory curriculum for graduate programs in such areas as international trade, international law, librarianship, public administration, and journalism.

A knowledge of German is a valuable asset in finding positions as interpreters and translators employed by the federal government, the United Nations, international conferences, trade councils, and publishers, as well as with internationally oriented companies, government agencies, the press corps, and the tourism industry.

The German major with an emphasis in German studies offers extensive preparation in the German language while providing students with a broad, interdisciplinary understanding of the history, culture, and society of the countries of Central Europe where German is spoken. This emphasis provides excellent preparation for careers as area specialists for private businesses and agencies or for positions at international organizations, with the federal government, or in cultural institutions.

Students majoring in German are strongly encouraged to participate in California State University International Programs (CSU-IP) and other approved study abroad programs in German-speaking countries. Students also have the option of pursuing a double major in another language area study.

Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

German Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 11031)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 48 units in German courses can apply to the degree.

Students majoring in German must complete a minor in another field to be approved by the departmental adviser in German.

Preparation for the Major. German 100A, 100B, 202, 205A, 205B. (21 units)

Language Requirement. The language requirement is automatically fulfilled through coursework for preparation for the major.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

International Experience Requirement. All German majors are required to complete an approved study abroad program in a German-speaking country consisting of a minimum of six units (90 hours). However, German majors are strongly encouraged to complete a more extensive abroad experience by participating in a semester or an academic year program. To fulfill the International Experience Requirement, German majors must enroll in a study abroad program approved by the department. Unapproved study abroad programs will not meet the international experience requirement for the major.

Major. A minimum of 27 upper division units to include German 300, 301, 304, 400, 430, and 12 units in upper division German. No more than one German course taught in English can apply to the major.

Emphasis in German Studies

No minor is required with this emphasis.

Preparation for the Major. German 100A, 100B, 150, 202, 205A and 205B. (24 units)

Language Requirement. The language requirement is automatically fulfilled through coursework for preparation for the major.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 30 upper division units to include German 300, 301, and 410 or 411; six units of electives in German; 12 units (no more than six units in any one department) selected from Art 558, Economics 330, European Studies 527, Geography 336, History 440, 517, Humanities 320, 404, Philosophy 414, Political Science 356; and three units of electives selected with approval of department adviser.

German Minor

The minor in German consists of a minimum of 15 units taught in German, nine units of which must be in upper division German courses. Any course taught in English needs department approval to apply to the minor requirements.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Students electing the study of German to fulfill the language requirement for the bachelor of arts degree in liberal arts and sciences must successfully complete German 202 or 205A or 205B or the equivalent level of achievement. The usual sequence of coursework is German 100A, 100B, 202, 205A and 205B. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements" for additional ways to satisfy competency.

High School Equivalents

High school foreign language courses may be used for purposes of placement in college courses and may be counted toward meeting the language requirement in various majors. These high school courses will not count as college credit toward graduation.

Secondary school language courses can be used as follows:

1. The first **two years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first semester of a college level course, although students with fewer than three years of high school level language may complete the first semester college course for graduation credit.
2. The first **three years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first two college semesters, although students with fewer than four years of high school level language may complete the second semester college course for graduation credit. Students who have completed three years of foreign language in high school will not receive credit for the first semester college course unless at least five years separate the last high school course and the first college course.
3. **Four years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of three college semesters or five college quarters, thus fulfilling the language requirement.

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