



## Germanic Studies

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### Key Features of a German Major

- Speak, read, write and understand German at a level allowing you to communicate with native speakers
- Recognize and interpret the diverse cultural perspectives and products of the German-speaking world

### Career Options and Salaries with a German Major

Knowledge of a foreign language is a very valuable and marketable skill. Many with foreign language skills work as interpreters and translators. Others work as “language specialists” in various capacities for the Federal Government. Teaching is also a popular option, especially as the demand for foreign language skills rises.

- In 2017, teachers at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels earned a median annual income of \$56,900 - \$59,170.
- In 2018, salaried interpreters and translators had a median salary of \$49,930.
- In 2018, postsecondary foreign language and literature teachers earned a mean annual wage of \$75,950.

*\*All information on salaries and career options taken from <http://stats.bls.gov/ooh/>.*

### Advising

If you are interested in learning more about the German major, you can easily make an appointment to see an advisor. Office hours are posted in Jiménez 1104.

- Dr. Regina Ianozi
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## Declaring a German Major

***German is not a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP). If you have decided to major in this field, you can declare immediately!***

When you declare your major in German, you are also declaring that you will be a student in the College of Arts and Humanities (ARHU) which houses the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (of which German is a part). There are two levels in your declaration and later advising: the department (German) and the College (Arts and Humanities). The College will advise you regarding your General Education requirements and the Department will advise you regarding your major requirements.

To declare a major in German:

- 1) Carefully read all GERM major Requirements
- 2) Read through all information carefully, and pencil in a sequence of courses to discuss with the program advisor, Dr. Regina Ianozi [ianozi@umd.edu](mailto:ianozi@umd.edu).
- 3) Contact the Office of Student Affairs at the College of Arts and Humanities (301-405-2108) to make an appointment to discuss the non-Germanic Studies aspects of your 4-Year plan (bring signed form from previous step), including CORE courses. Walk-in hours are also available.
- 4) If you are adding Germanic Studies as an additional major, check with your home department and college to identify paperwork you may need to complete

**\*Students may not change their major during walk-in advising hours.**

## Germanic Studies Four Year Academic Plan

Year 1	Fall	Spring
<b>Benchmark 1 Requirements</b>		
GERM203	ENGL 101 (AW)*	Natural Sciences (NS)**
<i>Must be completed by the end of two semesters</i>	Math (MA)*	Analytic Reasoning (AR)
	History/Social Sciences (HS)**	Humanities (HU)**
	GERM 103	GERM 203 (satisfies Global Engagement Requirement)
	UNIV 101	Elective 1xx-4xx
	<i>*Must attempt by 30 cr.</i>	
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Benchmark 2 Requirements</b>		
Two (2) GERM 3xx courses	Humanities (HU)**	Oral Communication (OC)
<i>Must be completed by the end of four semesters</i>	GERM 204	Scholarship in Practice (SP) #1**
	GERM Elective 2xx-4xx	GERM 301
	Elective 1xx-4xx	GERM Elective 2xx-4xx
	Elective 1xx-4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Benchmark 3 Requirements</b>		
Five additional courses in GERM	Natural Science Lab (NL)**	History/Social Sciences (HS)**
<i>Must be completed by the end of six semesters</i>	GERM 302	GERM Culture 2xx-4xx (#1)
	GERM Elective 2xx-4xx	GERM Literature 3xx-4xx (#1)
	Elective 3xx-4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
	Elective 3xx-4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
<b>Year 4</b>		
	Professional Writing (PW)	GERM Language 3xx-4xx (#2)
	Scholarship in Practice (SP) #2	GERM Literature 3xx-4xx (#2)
	GERM Language 3xx-4xx (#1)	GERM Elective 2xx-4xx
	GERM Culture 2xx-4xx (#2)	Elective 3xx-4xx
	Elective 3xx-4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
	Total Credits for Degree: 120; 45 credits must be 3xx-4xx	

Note: Some courses for the major may also count toward the General Education requirements.

\*\*All students must complete two Distributive Studies courses that are approved for I-series courses. The Understanding Plural Societies and Cultural Competence courses may also fulfill Distributive Studies categories.

## Q & A

### ***Can I study abroad in places other than Germany?***

Yes! While several study abroad opportunities are offered in Germany, you may also study in other German-speaking countries. There are programs available in Austria, Sweden, and Denmark. For more information, please contact the Education Abroad Office (<http://www.international.umd.edu/studyabroad/>).

### ***Is a German minor available?***

Yes. The minor requires 15 credits beyond GERM 203. Nine credits (3 courses) must be at the upper level, one each from literature, language and culture. For more information, please contact Dr. Regina Ianozi ([ianozi@umd.edu](mailto:ianozi@umd.edu)).

### ***What is the Engineering and German Program?***

This is a five-year program resulting in a double major: a B.S. in Engineering and a B.A. in German. During the fourth year, students spend two semesters in Germany, first as a student then as an intern in German industry or in a university laboratory. Contact Ms. Jane Fines, Director of International and Leadership Programs in Engineering ([jfines@umd.edu](mailto:jfines@umd.edu)) or visit the International Engineering & Leadership Programs website (<http://www.ilp.umd.edu/>) or Office in 1131 Glenn L. Martin Hall.