

GERMAN, BA

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the Guide.

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| General Education | • Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits |
| | • Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits |
| | • Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits |
| | • Communication Part A & Part B * |
| | • Ethnic Studies * |
| | • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B * |

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

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| Language | • Complete the fourth unit of a language other than English; OR |
| | • Complete the third unit of a language and the second unit of an additional language other than English. |

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| L&S Breadth | • 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and |
| | • 12 credits of Social Science; and |
| | • 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course. |

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| Liberal Arts and Science Coursework | Complete at least 108 credits. |
| Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work | Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level. |
| Major | Declare and complete at least one major. |
| Total Credits | Complete at least 120 credits. |
| UW-Madison Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 credits in residence, overall; and • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit. |
| Quality of Work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.000 in all coursework at UW-Madison • 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW-Madison |

NON-L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non-L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

27 credits in the major, as follows:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Required Courses | | 6 |
| GERMAN 337 | Advanced Composition & Conversation | |
| GERMAN 676 | Advanced Seminar in German Studies ¹ | |
| Electives ¹ | | 21 |
| GERMAN 305 | Literatur des 20. und 21. Jahrhunderts | |
| GERMAN 351 | Introduction to German Linguistics | |
| GERMAN 352 | Topics in German Linguistics | |
| GERMAN 362 | Topics in German Literature | |
| GERMAN 367 | Study Abroad in German Literature | |
| GERMAN 368 | Study Abroad in German Culture | |
| GERMAN 369 | Study Abroad in German Linguistics | |
| GERMAN 372 | Topics in German Culture | |
| GERMAN 385 | Honors Seminar in German Literature | |
| GERMAN 411 | Kultur des 20. und 21. Jahrhunderts | |
| GERMAN 612 | German Literary Movements Since 1750 | |
| GERMAN 625 | Letterkunde der Lage Landen | |
| GERMAN 645 | Cultuirkunde der Lage Landen | |

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| GERMAN 650 | History of the German Language | |
| GERMAN/ MEDIEVAL 651 | Introduction to Middle High German | |
| GERMAN 681 | Senior Honors Thesis-First Semester | |
| GERMAN 682 | Senior Honors Thesis-Second Semester | |
| GERMAN 683 | Senior Honors Seminar in German Literature | |
| GERMAN 698 | Directed Study | |
| GERMAN 699 | Directed Study | |
| Total Credits | | 27 |

COGNATE COURSES AS ELECTIVES

Up to 9 cognate course credits may count as electives within the German major. These are courses with German-related subject matter that are taught in English, either in the German program or in other departments. Cognate courses taken in the German program may be at the Elementary, Intermediate, or Advanced levels; those taken in other departments must be at the Advanced level only. Any questions about which courses may be counted as cognate courses may be directed to the undergraduate advisor. Currently the cognate list includes:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| GERMAN 236 | Bascom Course | |
| GERMAN 245 | Topics in Dutch Life and Culture | |
| GERMAN 264 | Culture in 20th Century Berlin | |
| GERMAN 266 | Topics in German and/or Yiddish Culture | |
| GERMAN 267 | Yiddish Song and the Jewish Experience | |
| GERMAN/ JEWISH/ LITTRANS 269 | Yiddish Literature and Culture in Europe | |
| GERMAN 272 | Nazi Culture | |
| GERMAN 275 | Kafka and the Kafkaesque | |
| GERMAN/ LITTRANS 276 | Special Topics in German and World Literature/s | |
| GERMAN 278 | Topics in German Culture | |
| GERMAN/ JEWISH/ LITTRANS 279 | Yiddish Literature and Culture in America | |
| GERMAN/ LITTRANS 280 | From Grimm to Gryffindor: German Fairytales (Re)imagined | |
| GERMAN 325 | Topics in Dutch Literature | |
| GERMAN/ JEWISH 510 | German-Jewish Culture Since the 18th Century | |
| GERMAN 560 | Topics in German Studies | |
| GERMAN 625 | Letterkunde der Lage Landen | |
| GERMAN 645 | Cultuurkunde der Lage Landen | |
| GERMAN/ MEDIEVAL 651 | Introduction to Middle High German | |
| GEN&WS/ LITTRANS 270 | German Women Writers in Translation | |
| GNS 375 | Philosophy, Theory, Criticism | |

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| HISTORY/ JEWISH 310 | The Holocaust |
| HISTORY/ ENVIR ST 328 | Environmental History of Europe |
| HISTORY 359 | History of Europe Since 1945 |
| HISTORY 410 | History of Germany, 1871 to the Present |
| JEWISH/ PHILOS 442 | Moral Philosophy and the Holocaust |
| JEWISH/ ENGL 539 | Jewish Literatures in Diaspora |
| RELIG ST 406 | The Amish |

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all GERMAN courses and all major courses
- 2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level major credits, taken in residence²
- 15 credits in GERMAN, taken on campus

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the German undergraduate advisor.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.300 in all Advanced-level GERMAN courses
- Complete 29 total Advanced-level credits in German, 20 of which must be taken for Honors, to include:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| GERMAN 337 | Advanced Composition & Conversation (for honors credit) | 3 |
| GERMAN 676 | Advanced Seminar in German Studies (for honors credit) | 3 |
| GERMAN 681 & GERMAN 682 | Senior Honors Thesis-First Semester and Senior Honors Thesis-Second Semester | 6 |

FOOTNOTES

¹ At least 3 of these credits must be taken on the UW-Madison campus (not through Study Abroad).

² GERMAN courses numbered 300-699 are upper-level in the major, except: GERMAN 311, GERMAN 312, GERMAN 313, GERMAN 314, GERMAN 325, GERMAN 377, GERMAN 378, GERMAN 379, GERMAN 391, GERMAN 392, GERMAN 401, GERMAN 402, GERMAN 403, GERMAN 404, and any Dutch topic course.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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| Total Degree | To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements. |
| Residency | Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs. |
| Quality of Work | Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation. |