

German Language and Cultural Studies Major and German Minor

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The study of foreign language and culture is a cornerstone of education in today's world. It teaches intercultural competence by increasing students' understanding of their own background and their sensitivity for other traditions and values. Knowledge of foreign language and culture brings obvious competitive advantages in careers with an international dimension. As a liberal arts discipline, it improves analytic-conceptual and communication skills necessary for professional careers. Enhanced with appropriate course work, a major in German serves as a foundation for professional training in such subjects as business, law, politics, and medicine, as well as the media and communication industry. Students with a bachelor's degree in German will compete well in non-technical fields for jobs requiring an undergraduate degree.

Requirements for the German Language and Cultural Studies major

The German Language and Cultural Studies major requires the completion of 33 to 35 credits distributed as follows. If necessary to fulfill credit requirements, higher-level language courses can be substituted for GER 0201 through GER 0204.

Required language courses

Study abroad

Study and residence in a German-speaking country is an invaluable component of a German major's education. German majors are encouraged to study at a German-speaking institution and are given assistance with the selection of a program. Our partnership with the University of Augsburg (near Munich) offers an excellent and relatively inexpensive opportunity to enroll in regular university courses during the summer (May-July). Numerous other possibilities exist, and financial aid may be available. Students can transfer credits from abroad for their major in accordance with the credit transfer policy of the University of Pittsburgh. A maximum of 12 credits from abroad may apply toward the major. All study abroad credits have to be pre-approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies. For information on other study abroad opportunities, consult the [Study Abroad Office](#) in WPU 802.

Advising

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