



Why a Bachelor of Arts in German from Cal State Fullerton?

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers a wide range of programs in language study to meet the varying needs of today's students. The ability to communicate effectively is essential for success-oriented graduates and acquiring the competence to communicate in a language other than English can often provide a competitive edge in today's global economy.

Communicating effectively in a second language is more than the acquisition of language skills. Students also gain insight into other cultures, which often provides invaluable perspectives and greater sense of appreciation for alternate ways of life and thought. The department views language, culture and literature as integrally related facets of communication that help us achieve a better understanding of ourselves and others in the rapidly changing world we live in.

The study of another language and culture, as with other humanities and social sciences disciplines, fosters scholarship and values, social responsibility, free and critical inquiry, empirical analysis and leadership skills. Together, these elements prepare students for intellectually rewarding lives, responsible citizenship, and a wide variety of careers by developing critical thinking skills, clear writing and problem-solving skills and a heightened understanding of the human condition.

What types of career opportunities are available?

Today's German major has more career options than ever before. A large number of teachers will be retiring in the coming years in Southern California. Because of renewed interest in modern languages and cultures, as well as revised entrance requirements (two years minimum for both the California State University and the University of California), schools and colleges are expanding their program offerings, thus providing increased opportunities in teaching at both the secondary and post-secondary levels. In addition to the field of teaching, the business world is interested in practical applications of languages and cultures for its growing foreign markets.

What courses are required for a German major?

The Bachelor of Arts in German consists of 33 units of upper-division course work, including the required 3-unit upper-division writing course, which can be fulfilled by taking Foreign Language 301. Each course counted toward the major must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. Prior to undertaking upper-division course work, the student must have completed the following lower-division courses or their equivalents:

Basic Requirements (20 units)

German 101, 102 Fundamental German A, B (5 units, 5 units)

German 203, 204 Intermediate German A, B (3 units, 3 units)

German 213, 214 Intermediate Reading A, B (2 units, 2 units)

Intermediate competency in the German language is a minimum requirement for admission to the upper-division program.

Upper-Division Requirements (33 units)

Upper-Division Core Requirements (18 units)

Foreign Language 301 Writing in Intercultural Context (3 units)

German 305 Advanced Conversation and Composition (3 units)

German 315 Introduction to German Civilization (3 units)

German 325 Current Trends in Culture of German-Speaking Peoples (3 units)

German 335 Introduction to Literature (3 units)

German 399 German Phonetics (3 units)

Upper-Division Literature Requirements (9 units)

In consultation with an adviser, choose from:

German 430 German Literature and Culture to the Baroque (3 units)

German 450 19th Century German Literature and Culture (3 units)

German 460 20th Century German Literature and Culture (3 units)

German 482 German Literature and Culture in Film (3 units)

Upper-Division Electives (6 units)

In consultation with an adviser, choose from:

German 300 German Conversation (3 units)

German 310 German in the Business World (3 units)

German 311 German for International Business (3 units)

German 400 Advanced Conversation Practice and Vocabulary Expansion (3 units)

German 405 Advanced Writing and Speaking (3 units)

German 466 Introduction to German Linguistics (3 units)

German 485T Senior Seminar in German Literature (3 units)

Is a minor in German available?

In addition to the major in German, the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers a minor in German. Students wishing to complete a minor must meet the same lower-division prerequisites as those required for the German major.

Basic Requirements (20 units)

German 101, 102 Fundamental German A, B (5 units, 5 units)

German 203, 204 Intermediate German A, B (3 units, 3 units)

German 213, 214 Intermediate Reading A, B (2 units, 2 units)

Upper-Division Requirements (12 units)

Choose six units from the following:

German 305 Advanced Conversation and Composition (3 units) and either

German 315 Introduction to German Civilization (3 units)

OR German 325 Current Trends in Culture of German-Speaking Peoples (3 units)

Plus, in consultation with an adviser, choose two additional courses (6 units) from the following:

German 300, 310, 311, 315, 325, 335, 399, 400, 405, 466, 485T.

Please consult the university catalog for more details. Intermediate competency in the German language is a prerequisite for enrollment in all upper-division classes.

Do you offer a credential program?

In cooperation with the Department of Secondary Education, we offer the Single Subject Matter Preparation Program for students wishing to teach. In addition to completing the standard requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in German, those students interesting in preparing for the Single Subject Teaching Credential must also complete German 466, Introduction to German Linguistics. Students must make arrangements with the department to take an examination to demonstrate competency at the advanced level in language skills, linguistic principles and cultural awareness, as prerequisites for admission to the Teacher Education Program.

Students interested in applying for admission to the teaching credential program should seek advisement from the Modern Language Education Adviser for the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.

What facilities and special programs are available?

The study of a second language and culture of the people who speak it is an increasingly important part of humanistic education providing unique opportunities to explore the many aspects of communication in a multicultural world. Recognizing the importance of cultural immersion for future teachers and leading professionals, the university offers numerous opportunities to study and work overseas. These include full academic year programs through the California State University International Programs, summer opportunities through the cooperative Overseas Work-Study Program and the department's internship program with German firms. Information on all of these programs is available at the department office in Humanities 835-C.

The Modern Language Laboratory provides students the opportunity to develop and refine language competence outside the classroom. Tape materials relating to many of the texts used in a variety of courses are available in the lab.

In addition, a broad variety of audio and videotapes are available. The language lab also houses state-of-the-art, interactive computer-assisted instructional equipment with a total of 24 computerized workstations available for student use.

What activities can I join?

Student involvement is encouraged through the German Club. Club activities include a regularly scheduled Stammtisch, where students and faculty gather to have lunch and chat in German, lectures, German films, picnics and a variety of other activities designed to further the development of language competencies and cultural knowledge outside of the formal classroom.

German students majoring in International Business are encouraged to become involved with AIESEC, an international business students' organization. The CSUF chapter of AIESEC is active in scheduling a broad variety of programs relating to International Business.

Who advises me?

Academic and career advisement is provided by departmental faculty members. Each student majoring or minoring in German, or who has a concentration in German for the B.A. in International Business, is assigned a faculty adviser. Advisement takes place during the instructors' office hours or by appointment. Students are encouraged to meet with their faculty advisers at least once a semester.

How can I learn more?

For further information please contact the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, California State University, Fullerton, P.O. Box 6846, Fullerton, California 92834-6846, or call (714) 278-3534.

We also suggest that you visit the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures in Humanities 835-A and talk with one of our advisers, or visit us on the Internet at: **<http://hss.fullerton.edu/fll>**