



GERMAN STUDIES

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM B.A. IN GERMAN STUDIES

While Germany has always been considered important to European development, the economic might of modern Germany and the integration of the European Union have made American understanding of the German culture and civilization increasingly important. The German studies program encourages and enables students to pursue a course of study in preparation for a career in international business or for graduate or professional programs in law, business administration, and other areas.

The German studies major differs from the traditional German language and literature major by the breadth of its offerings. A German studies major encourages students to study in several disciplines from a generous selection of approved courses in the humanities, arts, social sciences, and economics.

A graduate of the German studies program is expected to:

- be prepared for lifelong learning
- be knowledgeable about and conversant in German contributions to Western culture in such areas as literature, film, philosophy, and music
- be proficient in the German language
- understand and be able to discuss German history, government, attitudes about religion
- use all of the above as the mark of an educated person in pursuit of a career in business or in study toward a graduate or professional degree

Facilities available to students in the German studies program include the many printed and other resources available in the Max Kade Reading Room in Clark Hall.

THE MAJOR AND MINOR IN GERMAN STUDIES

Requirements for the Major in German Studies

The program requires more than 30 hours from the list of approved German studies courses, including German 303 and 311, German Studies 398 (Senior Colloquium), and 21 additional hours from the approved list, no more than nine of which may be in any one department.

Sample Concentrations for the German Studies Major:

- History and philosophy
- German literature and theater history
- Political science and history
- Art history, music history, and religion; etc.

Note that the above combinations are only examples. Within program requirements, students are free to shape the major as they wish based on their own intellectual interests.

Requirements for a Minor in German Studies

At least one of German 303 or 311; four additional 300-level courses on the approved list of German studies courses from any two departments; or a thematic course of study (12 hours) approved in advance by the director of the German studies program.

A list of the approved courses for German studies can be found at <http://www.case.edu/bulletin>.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

• Reading and Lecture Series

Participants in the German studies program schedule a lively array of intellectual activities. They host speakers on campus who visit classes as well as give lectures.

• Max Kade Workshop

This annual mini-seminar features a noted artist or scholar who comes for a two-week residence on campus and teaches a unit in a German studies course.

• The Munich Experience

This semester-long seminar class, conducted in German, culminates with a three-week immersion learning experience in Munich. Students reside with German families, study German daily in a formal setting, and practice comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing. Students make regular visits to museums, galleries, and cultures events; observe first-hand the history, life, and architecture of a major cultural center; and make day trips to events in the German countryside.

RECENT GRADUATES

A recent survey of post-graduation plans among graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences found that 55 percent went on to graduate or professional school and the remainder pursued other plans. German studies students pursue a variety of goals, including attending graduate or professional school, and pursuing careers in international business or diplomacy.

Two recent graduates were granted Fulbright Scholarships to work as an English language teaching assistants in Germany.

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