STUDY ABROAD

Summer Programs (4 Weeks, 6 Credits)
Earn six hours of German credit through our summer programs at Eichstätt, Bremen, or Mainz. Students take courses in German language, culture, and literature—placed by proficiency level—and study alongside international peers. These programs offer rapid language development, meaningful cultural exchange, and university credit that applies toward your major or minor.

Semester or Yearlong Study
Spend a semester or academic year at Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt or through ISEP at other partner institutions in Germany. Students typically enroll in German as a foreign language and select humanities electives, gaining deep academic and cultural experience.

Interdisciplinary Program: German TV (ZDF)
Students in Journalism, Film, Fine Arts, Social Work, or related fields may participate in a unique program in Mainz/Wiesbaden, which includes a paid internship at ZDF, one of Germany's leading public broadcasters. This prestigious opportunity combines classroom learning with professional media experience.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the University of Memphis Education Abroad Office at tigersabroad@memphis.edu

PAID HUMANITIES INTERNSHIPS MELLON FOUNDATION GRANT

Through generous support from the Mellon Foundation, majors in the humanities—including World Languages & Literatures—have access to paid internship opportunities with local nonprofit and community-based organizations. These internships allow students to apply their language skills, cultural knowledge, and critical thinking in real-world settings while gaining professional experience.

Since the program's inception in spring 2025, over 40 world languages majors have received a semester-long internship through the Mellon program. Learn more at memphis.edu/cas/mellon-foundation and contact Prof. Christina Gómez, WLL Internship Coordinator (cmbggett@memphis.edu), for more information.

ADD A MAJOR/MINOR

If you want to change your major to one in the College of Arts & Sciences, or already have a major in the College of Arts & Sciences, come to Scates 107 or email casgraduation@memphis.edu to declare a second major or Chinese minor. Please send your:

- Name
- UUID
- The new major/minor

If your major is in another college, you should contact the advising office of your college to declare a minor.

QUESTIONS?

Email Dr. Heike Polster at hpolster@memphis.edu



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WHY STUDY GERMAN?

- German has long held a vital place in the arts, sciences, philosophy, and global economy. German-speakers rank among the world's most influential thinkers and artists, and many academic disciplines are rooted in German tradition.
- A major or minor in German Studies develops linguistic and cultural proficiency that enhances your global perspective and complements many other fields. While German fluency is an asset in careers in education and translation, it also offers a competitive advantage in areas like art history, biology, business, chemistry, economics, engineering, Egyptology, international business, international studies, music, philosophy, and political science.
- Proficiency in German is a marketable skill that distinguishes you in the job market and opens doors that are not available to non-German speakers.



COURSES

Lower-Division Language Courses

- GERM 1010: Elementary German I
- GERM 1020: Elementary German II
- GERM 2010: Intermediate German I
- GERM 2020: Intermediate German II

Upper-Division German Courses

- GERM 3301: Conversation and Composition I
- GERM 3302: Conversation and Composition II
- GERM 3303: German Translation
- GERM 3411: German Studies I: Enlightenment to Empire
- GERM 3412: German Studies II: Kaiserreich to Third Reich
- GERM 3413: German Studies III: Postwar to Present
- GERM 3790: Advanced German Grammar
- GERM 3791: Contemporary German Economy, Society, and Culture
- GERM 3792: German for Professional Communication
- GERM 3900: Germany Today
- GERM 4200: Voices of Change in German Culture
- GERM 4300: German Plays and Theater
- GERM 4780: Individual Study in German
- GERM 4791–99: Special Topics in German Language or Literature

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

General Education (41 hours)

Complete university-wide Gen Ed requirements.

College & BA Requirements (6–9 hours)

Additional coursework as required by the College of Arts & Sciences. If you have prior academic or lived experience with German, contact us at wll@memphis.edu for testing options.

Major Requirements (24–33 hours)

Choose one of the following concentrations:

- Single Language (German only): 24 upper-division hours
- Two Languages: 27 upper-division hours (min. 9 hours per language)
- Three Languages: 33 upper-division hours (min. 12 hours in two languages + coursework in third)
- Electives as needed to reach 120 total credit hours.

Minor in German (18 hours)

For the Minor in German, students must take GERM 1020, 2010, 2020 as well as 3 upper-division courses (9 hours). We strongly recommend that two (6 hours) of these three courses be GERM 3301 & GERM 3302.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

German Honors Society – Delta Phi Alpha

Outstanding students are invited to join Delta Phi Alpha, the National German Honor Society. Membership recognizes academic excellence in German studies and offers opportunities for scholarships, networking, and professional growth.

German Table (Deutscher Stammtisch)

Practice your German in a relaxed, informal setting with fellow students and faculty. All levels are welcome—just bring your curiosity and love of language! It's a great way to improve fluency and connect with others outside the classroom.