

German

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Related Course Descriptions:

Dutch courses (<http://bulletin.berkeley.edu/archive/2013-14/courses/dutch>)

Yiddish courses (<http://bulletin.berkeley.edu/archive/2013-14/courses/yiddish>)

Overview

The Department of German offers undergraduates the opportunity to obtain a broad background in the field of German language, literature, and culture, and introduces them to the principles of literary analysis and criticism. German language instruction ranges from elementary courses to advanced courses in German style. Upper division courses cover German literature and culture from the earliest times to the present, as well as the linguistic study of German.

The graduate program emphasizes seminars that provide an in-depth study of more specialized areas in German literature, culture, and language. Instruction in methodology is provided for graduate student instructors and prospective teachers, and seminars in applied linguistics and second-language acquisition provide a theoretical and practical foundation for teachers.

We also provide programs of study in Dutch and Yiddish.

Major Requirements

Lower Division

German 1, 2, 3, 4, or their equivalent.

Upper Division

Ten upper division courses totaling at least 30 units; at least five courses and 15 units must be taken at UC Berkeley. The following courses are required: German 100, 101, and 103. Three additional courses in which a knowledge of German is required, as indicated in the course descriptions. German 100 or 101 is prerequisite for these courses. Two courses may be taken from a list of affiliated courses taught outside the Department of German. Courses must be taken in the literature and culture of at least two different centuries; consult the major adviser or undergraduate student affairs officer when in doubt about this requirement.

A letter grade of "C" or better is required for *each* upper division course applied to the major.

Transfer Students

If you are transferring from another institution and wish to declare a major in German, see the major adviser or the undergraduate student affairs officer.

Honors Program

- A grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 in the major and an overall GPA of 3.3 are required for participation in the program during the senior year.
- **Course requirement:** Writing an honors thesis (30-40pp) is a commitment over two semesters. In the first semester the student must enroll in a 2-unit independent study (199; P/NP); in the second semester, the student must enroll in H196 (4 units). Students are urged to meet with professors who might serve as thesis advisor prior to enrolling in German 199. The Honors Committee, consists of the major adviser and the thesis director, approves the topic and evaluates the thesis.

Minor Requirements

Lower Division

German 1, 2, 3, 4, or their equivalent.

Upper Division

Five courses (of which three must be taken at Berkeley). Students must enroll in at least two courses in which the knowledge of German is required (see the course descriptions that follow or the departmental booklet for current information). One affiliated course from another department may be applied to the minor. A letter grade of "C" or better is required for *each* upper division course applied to the minor.

Graduate Programs

The MA Program

A Bachelor of Arts degree (or its equivalent) in German or a related field is required for admission to the graduate program. Students are not admitted solely to pursue a Master of Arts, which is an integral part of the PhD program. The MA examination, involving interpretation of a literary text, is normally taken in the third semester.

For more detailed information on the MA program, students should consult the Department of German website. (<http://german.berkeley.edu/graduate/curriculum>)

The PhD Program

The Department of German offers a PhD in German. The program aims at comprehensive historical knowledge of German literature and culture and/or linguistics and is designed to train students in rigorous scholarship, original research, and independent thinking.

For more detailed information on the PhD program, students should consult the Department of German website. (<http://german.berkeley.edu/graduate/curriculum>)

GERMAN 1 Elementary German 1 5 Units

Department: German

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 15 hours of lecture per week for 5 weeks.

All four foreign language skills (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) are addressed to help students acquire communicative competence in the German language while being sensitized to the links between language and culture. This course is for students with no prior knowledge of German.

Instructor: Euba

GERMAN 1E Accelerated Elementary German 3 Units

Department: German

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall and spring

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture per week for 15 weeks.

Prerequisites: Prior exposure to German equivalent to one year of high school German.

Students review and continue to develop the basic elements of communicative competence in both spoken and written language while being sensitized to the links between language and culture. This course covers the same material as 1 in a condensed way and at an accelerated speed. Upon completion of this course, students will qualify for enrollment in 2.

Students will receive no credit for 1E after taking 1. Formerly known as 12. Instructor: Euba

GERMAN 1G Elementary German for Graduate Students 0.0 Units

Department: German

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall and spring

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Hours and format: 5 hours of Lecture per week for 7.5 weeks.

Prerequisites: One year of prior college level German instruction required.

Elementary German for graduate students preparing for reading examinations.

GERMAN 2 Elementary German 2 5 Units

Department: German

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 15 hours of lecture per week for 5 weeks.

Prerequisites: 1 or equivalent.

In this course, students will continue to develop communicative competence in the German language and expand their sensitivity towards the relationship between language and culture. While all language skills will be addressed, additional emphasis will be on the various styles of written and spoken German.

Instructor: Euba

GERMAN 2G Elementary German for Graduate Students 0.0 Units

Department: German

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall and spring

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Hours and format: 5 hours of Lecture per week for 7.5 weeks.

Prerequisites: 1G.

Elementary German for graduates preparing for reading examinations.

GERMAN 3 Intermediate German I 5 Units

Department: German

Course level: Undergraduate