

German

The graduate program emphasizes seminars that provide an in-depth study of 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. 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.

Students are not admitted solely to pursue a master of arts, which is an integral part of the PhD program.

Admission to the University

Minimum Requirements for Admission

The following minimum requirements apply to all graduate programs and will be verified by the Graduate Division:

1. A bachelor's degree or recognized equivalent from an accredited institution;
2. A grade point average of B or better (3.0);
3. If the applicant comes from a country or political entity (e.g., Quebec) where English is not the official language, adequate proficiency in English to do graduate work, as evidenced by a TOEFL score of at least 90 on the iBT test, 570 on the paper-and-pencil test, or an IELTS Band score of at least 7 (note that individual programs may set higher levels for any of these); and
4. Sufficient undergraduate training to do graduate work in the given field.

Applicants Who Already Hold a Graduate Degree

The Graduate Council views academic degrees not as vocational training certificates, but as evidence of broad training in research methods, independent study, and articulation of learning. Therefore, applicants who already have academic graduate degrees should be able to pursue new subject matter at an advanced level without need to enroll in a related or similar graduate program.

Programs may consider students for an additional academic master's or professional master's degree only if the additional degree is in a distinctly different field.

Applicants admitted to a doctoral program that requires a master's degree to be earned at Berkeley as a prerequisite (even though the applicant already has a master's degree from another institution in the same or a closely allied field of study) will be permitted to undertake the second master's degree, despite the overlap in field.

The Graduate Division will admit students for a second doctoral degree only if they meet the following guidelines:

1. Applicants with doctoral degrees may be admitted for an additional doctoral degree only if that degree program is in a general area of knowledge distinctly different from the field in which they earned their original degree. For example, a physics PhD could be admitted to a doctoral degree program in music or history; however, a student with a doctoral degree in mathematics would not be permitted to add a PhD in statistics.

2. Applicants who hold the PhD degree may be admitted to a professional doctorate or professional master's degree program if there is no duplication of training involved.

Applicants may apply only to one single degree program or one concurrent degree program per admission cycle.

Required Documents for Applications

1. **Transcripts:** Applicants may upload *unofficial* transcripts with your application for the departmental initial review. *If the applicant is admitted*, then *official* transcripts of all college-level work will be required. Official transcripts must be in sealed envelopes as issued by the school(s) attended. If you have attended Berkeley, upload your unofficial transcript with your application for the departmental initial review. *If you are admitted*, an official transcript with evidence of degree conferral *will not* be required.
2. **Letters of recommendation:** Applicants may request online letters of recommendation through the online application system. Hard copies of recommendation letters must be sent directly to the program, not the Graduate Division.
3. **Evidence of English language proficiency:** All applicants from countries or political entities in which the official language is not English are required to submit official evidence of English language proficiency. This applies to applicants from Bangladesh, Burma, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Latin America, the Middle East, the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Southeast Asia, most European countries, and Quebec (Canada). However, applicants who, at the time of application, have already completed at least one year of full-time academic course work with grades of B or better at a US university may submit an official transcript from the US university to fulfill this requirement. The following courses will not fulfill this requirement:
 - courses in English as a Second Language,
 - courses conducted in a language other than English,
 - courses that will be completed after the application is submitted, and
 - courses of a non-academic nature.

If applicants have previously been denied admission to Berkeley on the basis of their English language proficiency, they must submit new test scores that meet the current minimum from one of the standardized tests.

Where to Apply

Visit the Berkeley Graduate Division application page (<http://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/apply>) .

Admission to the Program

The Department of German accepts applications for its degree program beginning in September for admission to the following fall semester. Applications must be submitted online no later than December 15. The department does not admit for the MA as a final degree, although the MA will be awarded to students pursuing work toward the PhD after fulfillment of the requirements. Applicants who hold an MA in German may apply directly to the PhD program.

Graduate Application and Supporting Documents Graduate Division Application

The online application is available after September 6 via the Graduate Division website (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/index.shtml>) .

The program requires GRE scores (general test), or TOEFL (international students), a statement of purpose, a personal statement, and critical writing samples (in either or both German and English.) Writing samples should be in the form of thesis or research paper on a topic relevant to the fields of German literature or linguistics (limited to 25 pages).

For the purpose of campus-wide fellowship competitions, applicants who submit the statement of purpose or personal history statement in German should also submit an English version of both.

Applications are accepted for *fall* term only.

Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) Application

It is recommended that you fill in the GSI application section with your online graduate application. All graduate students teach as part of the graduate program, and teaching positions are awarded at the time of admission. Teaching experience is not required.

Normative Time Requirements

Normative Time to Advancement

The total normative time to advancement is **four** years.

Normative Time in Candidacy

The total time in candidacy is **two** years.

Total Normative Time

The total normative time of the program is **six** years.

Time to Advancement

Curriculum

Courses Required

Basic Requirements

Select one of the following:	3-4
GERMAN 105 Middle High German for Undergraduates	
GERMAN 276 Old High German	
GERMAN 273 Gothic	
GERMAN 207 Methods	4
GERMAN 270 History of the German Language	4

Comprehensiveness Requirements

Five (5) graduate GERMAN courses, selected in consultation with faculty advisers in view of the desired specialization and in view of the historically comprehensive QE and the PhD	20
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Further Specialization

Electives chosen in the fields of specialization and outside interests (Joint PhD/Designated Emphases)

Exam preparation

Foreign Languages

There are two options to fulfill the language requirement. Students are strongly encouraged to acquire a useful reading knowledge in two languages other than English and German (Option I). Many of our students choose French, Latin, Dutch, Italian, Russian, Japanese, or

Turkish. If students choose to learn only one language other than English and German, they are required to demonstrate exceptional proficiency in this language (Option II). The language requirement must be fulfilled prior to the QE.

Designated Emphasis

Graduate students may add a designated emphasis to their plans of study to gain a particular area of specialization. The DE is usually added before a student advances to candidacy. DE in Dutch Studies, Critical Theory, Renaissance & Early Modern Studies, Film & Media Studies, New Media, Women, Gender & Sexuality; concurrent PhD in Medieval Studies.

MA Examination

The MA examination is a written exam based on a text on methodological questions, or on linguistic problems from the student's main field of interest. The student will choose an examination committee consisting of three members, communicate an area of interest, and submit a list of works already read. The committee will choose an exam question, a text, or a linguistic problem from the area of interest and communicate it to the student two weeks before the examination. In response to the question the student will write an essay in a three-hour time period. The committee will meet with the student to discuss the examination and the student's progress in the program. The faculty will decide whether the student will be invited to proceed to doctoral work in the program.

Please note that the department does not admit for the MA as a final degree, although the MA will be awarded to students pursuing work toward the PhD after fulfillment for the MA requirements.

PhD Qualifying Exam

The PhD qualifying examination, or QE, consists of a written portfolio submitted to the student's committee and a three-hour oral examination. In the year before the QE, the student should decide on an exam committee of three faculty members from the department and one faculty member from outside the department. This committee must be approved by the head graduate adviser six months before the exam is to take place.

The student prepares a reading list for the exam. The reading list should show historical breadth and also highlight texts within the student's area of interest. Students generally choose a theme for their exams, to help make it easier for them to simultaneously showcase breadth and their research interest. The reading list must be approved by the QE committee chair a month after the committee has been approved by the graduate adviser.

In consultation with the committee, the student will write a research proposal for the exam. This proposal usually follows the student's exam topic as a red thread through German literary history. The research proposal must be submitted to the committee by the first week of the semester in which the QE is to take place.

The student must also turn in two revised papers from seminars they have taken in the department (Option I) or write two three-hour exams (Option II). Most students choose Option I. These are to be turned in to the committee with the research proposal and a final draft of the reading list.

The QE is a three-hour exam, if the student passes the exam, he or she will advance to candidacy.

Prospectus Conference

By the end of the semester after the QE, the student will submit a prospectus and any other work completed on the dissertation to the dissertation committee. The dissertation committee will meet with the student to discuss progress and to offer advice. Annually thereafter, it is required that at least two members of the committee confer with the student, in addition to regular meetings with the dissertation chair.

Dissertation

Final requirement to complete the PhD is completion of a dissertation. Students should meet with their dissertation chairs to decide on appropriate timelines for research abroad and the completion of individual chapters. Students are not required to defend the dissertation once the dissertation committee has decided the dissertation is finished.

The following links contain information that you may find helpful during your graduate studies at Berkeley:

Fellowships & Grants

Graduate Fellowship Deadlines (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/deadlines.shtml>)

Quick Guide to Grant-Writing Resources (Grant Proposal Advising) (http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/acapro/pdf/grant_writing.pdf)

Fellowship Resources on the Web (http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/fellowships_resources.shtml)

Graduate Fellowships Office (<http://grad.berkeley.edu/about-us/contact>)

Teaching and Research Opportunities

Academic Student Employment (<http://hrweb.berkeley.edu/labor/ase.htm>)

What you need to Know About Being a GSI, GSR, Reader, or Tutor (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/policies/pdf/apptknow.pdf>)

Labor Relations (<http://hrweb.berkeley.edu/hrlabor.htm>)

Academic Appointments Office (<http://grad.berkeley.edu/policies/guides/category/appointments-guide>) (for general policies and procedures)

Financial Aid and Employment

Graduate Financial Aid (<http://students.berkeley.edu/finaid>)

Student Employment (http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/financial/student_employ.shtml)

Work-Study (<http://students.berkeley.edu/finaid/home/work.htm>)

Career Center (<http://career.berkeley.edu>)

Underrepresented Students

Diversity Outreach: A Berkeley Commitment (http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/diversity/diversity_outreach.shtml)

Excellence & Diversity (http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/diversity/excellence_diversity.shtml)

Underrepresented Students Information (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/diversity/underrep.shtml>)

Graduate Diversity Program (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/diversity/diversity.shtml>)

Student Life

Student Life & Resources (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/life/resources.shtml>)

Publication

Graduate Publications (<http://www.grad.berkeley.edu/publications/index.shtml>)

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German

GERMAN 200 Proseminar in German Literature 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2009, Fall 2007, Fall 2006

The course will give a brief introduction to the history of , draw attention to bibliographical and research tools, dwell on problems relating to critical editions of modern authors, familiarize students with as a profession in the U.S.A., and focus upon literary theory. Required of all M.A. candidates.

Proseminar in German Literature: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of tutorial per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Proseminar in German Literature: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 201A Major Periods in German Literature: Literature of the Middle Ages 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Spring 2014, Fall 2010

Survey of medieval German literature that concentrates on monuments of the Hohenstauffen period but also includes representative works from the later 13th, 14th and 15th centuries. Intended for M.A. candidates but open to all students with a working knowledge of Middle High German.

Major Periods in German Literature: Literature of the Middle Ages: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructors: Tennant, Largier

Major Periods in German Literature: Literature of the Middle Ages: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 201B Major Periods in German Literature: 16th and 17th Century 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2011, Spring 2010

Recommended for M.A. candidates.

Major Periods in German Literature: 16th and 17th Century: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructors: Tenant, Largier

Major Periods in German Literature: 16th and 17th Century: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 201C Major Periods in German Literature: 18th Century 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2012, Fall 2010

An introduction to major works of late Enlightenment, Sturm and Drang, and Classicism to Schiller's death.

Major Periods in German Literature: 18th Century: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Major Periods in German Literature: 18th Century: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 201D Major Periods in German Literature: 19th Century 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2015, Spring 2012

A study of pivotal literary texts, including works by Goethe, Novalis, Holderlin, Heine, and Nietzsche.

Major Periods in German Literature: 19th Century: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Kudzus

Major Periods in German Literature: 19th Century: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 201E Major Periods in German Literature: 20th Century 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2013, Spring 2011, Spring 2009

A critical overview of major literary and intellectual currents between the initial and the final turn of the century. We will explore literary, sociocultural, and philosophical forces in their consequential interactions.

Considerations will include Freud, Dada, Expressionism, National Socialism, Exile, post-World War II literature, countercultural texts, and post-modernism.

Major Periods in German Literature: 20th Century: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Kaes

Major Periods in German Literature: 20th Century: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 204 Compact Seminar 2 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016

A compact seminar designed to feature distinguished short-term visitors from German-speaking countries who have expertise in German literature and culture to teach topics that complement regular departmental offerings. One short paper is required. Taught in German.

Compact Seminar: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 4 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Compact Seminar: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

GERMAN 205 Studies in Medieval Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Spring 2013

So-called 'mystical' forms of thought and experience have played a major role in the history of modern philosophy and literature from Hegel to Georg Lukács, Martin Heidegger, Georges Bataille, and Jacques Derrida, and from Novalis to Robert Musil, Paul Celan, Ingeborg Bachmann, Pierre Klossowski, and John Cage (to name just a few). In this seminar we will read and discuss key texts written by Eckhart of Hochheim (Meister Eckhart), Mechthild of Magdeburg, and Hadewijch of Antwerp, some of the most significant medieval figures in this tradition. During a second phase of the seminar we will turn our attention to baroque mysticism, especially Angelus Silesius and Jacob Böhme.

Studies in Medieval Literature: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 106 or 203

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructors: Tenant, Largier

Studies in Medieval Literature: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

GERMAN 206 Studies in the Early Modern 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2009, Fall 2002

Survey of texts from the 15th and 16th centuries. A good reading knowledge of Middle High German is recommended.

Studies in the Early Modern: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructors: Tennant, Largier

Studies in the Early Modern: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

GERMAN 207 Methods 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014

Drawing on a variety of literary texts, periods, and genres, this seminar will present and explore different ways of reading. Topics will include literary hermeneutics and textual deconstruction.

Methods: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Methods: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

GERMAN 210A Studies in the 18th Century: Age of Enlightenment 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2009, Fall 2003

. Literary texts will be studied as historical documents illuminating changes in literary theory and in religious and philosophical thought during the Enlightenment. Texts by Lessing, Herder, and Lenz, and some Storm and Stress plays.

Studies in the 18th Century: Age of Enlightenment: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Studies in the 18th Century: Age of Enlightenment: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

GERMAN 212A Studies in the 19th Century: Topics in Romanticism 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2013, Fall 2008, Spring 2003

Major authors and texts of the romantic period will be discussed.

Studies in the 19th Century: Topics in Romanticism: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar and 1 hour of tutorial per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Studies in the 19th Century: Topics in Romanticism: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 214 Studies in the 20th Century 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Fall 2015

Studies in the 20th Century: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Studies in the 20th Century: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 255 Interpretation and Criticism of Poetry 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2010, Spring 2007

Interpretation and Criticism of Poetry: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Kudzusz

Interpretation and Criticism of Poetry: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 256 Problems of Literary Theory 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Fall 2015

Topics vary from year to year. For current topic see the department's "Course Descriptions" booklet.

Problems of Literary Theory: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Problems of Literary Theory: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 263C Poetry and Thought 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2013, Fall 2012

This seminar examines the interrelationship of poetic and philosophical discourses, with an emphasis on roles and functions of language.

Questions of style and writing will interrelate different genres of poetry and thought. The seminar will explore a tradition in which poetic thought and highly reflective poetry approach and at times merge with each other.

Poetry and Thought: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Previous work with German poetry and philosophy

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Kudzusz

Poetry and Thought: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 265 Film Theory: Historical and Systematic Perspectives 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2012

This seminar will examine traditional and recent critical approaches to the study of film. Knowledge of German and background in literary theory required.

Film Theory: Historical and Systematic Perspectives: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 200 or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of tutorial per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Kaes

Film Theory: Historical and Systematic Perspectives: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 266 Interdisciplinary Summer Seminar in German Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 1996 10 Week Session, Summer 1995 10 Week Session, Summer 1994 10 Week Session

Consisting of regular meetings and discussions as well as weekly lectures by distinguished speakers from various disciplines, the seminar will explore institutional, political, social, and cultural aspects of the former two Germanies grappling with an ambiguous heritage. Within this framework participants will pursue individual directions in research. Topic varies from year to year.

Interdisciplinary Summer Seminar in German Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Good proficiency in German

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 9.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Interdisciplinary Summer Seminar in German Studies: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 268 Aspects of Literary and Cultural History 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2013, Fall 2011, Spring 2011

A comparison of literary and cultural developments in Germany and the United States. Emphasis is placed on individual research designed to develop teaching materials.

Aspects of Literary and Cultural History: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Aspects of Literary and Cultural History: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 270 History of the German Language 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014

Designed for students interested in the history of the language and culture of united Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein, which transverse a rich legacy from the , through Luther and Grimm, to Grass and . Discussion, via linguistic principles, of language processes in the genetic development of the German language, as well as its interchange over time with closely and remotely related languages.

History of the German Language: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

History of the German Language: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 271 Comparative Germanic 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2009, Spring 2004

Advanced topics in Germanic phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics. The principal Germanic dialects viewed within laryngeal theory and reconstruction.

Comparative Germanic: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Rauch

Comparative Germanic: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 273 Gothic 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2012, Spring 2010

Study of the linguistic structures of the earliest Germanic dialect with a sizable corpus. Indo-European origins, Germanic relationships, and Gothic as a synchronic construct are considered.

Gothic: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Rauch

Gothic: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 276 Old High German 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2014, Spring 2012

Reading of poetic and prose texts in Old High German. The synchronic and diachronic study of the dialects of the High German language from the eighth to the eleventh century within the framework of current linguistic method.

Old High German: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Rauch

Old High German: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 280 North Sea Germanic 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2013, Fall 2010

Readings and discussion of poetic and prose texts in the Ingwaëonic languages (broadly construed) not covered elsewhere: Old Low Franconian, Middle Dutch, Old Frisian, Middle Low German.

North Sea Germanic: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Shannon

North Sea Germanic: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 282 Old Saxon 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Spring 2013, Spring 2011

Study of the most provocative of the major Germanic languages in terms of structural identification. The literary and ethnographic setting of the and its shared isogrammar.

Old Saxon: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Rauch

Old Saxon: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 285 Approaches and Issues in the Study of Modern German 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2014, Fall 2011, Fall 2009

A survey of relevant contemporary issues and topics in linguistic research on the structure of German.

Approaches and Issues in the Study of Modern German: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 103

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar and 1 hour of tutorial per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Shannon

Approaches and Issues in the Study of Modern German: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 290 Seminar in German Linguistics 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015

Variable topic. For specific topic contact departmental office.

Seminar in German Linguistics: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminar in German Linguistics: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 291 Methods and Issues in German Morphology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2014, Fall 2008, Spring 2005

The seminar will deal with the methods and results of morphological analysis as applied to the German language. It will introduce basic concepts and means of morphological analyses, as well as study and apply various theories of word structure to German. The primary concern will be the synchronic analyses of modern German word formation, but questions of a diachronic nature as well as ones about inflection will also be discussed.

Methods and Issues in German Morphology: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Shannon

Methods and Issues in German Morphology: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 292 German Syntax 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2012, Fall 2006

Discussion of current syntactic theories as applied to a number of issues in modern German syntax with an eye toward their description and explanatory potential. Typological comparison, especially with English.

German Syntax: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

German Syntax: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 293 German Semantics 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2012, Spring 2009

Concentration on the essential categories of semantics via data from German and Germanic. Extensive discussion of semantic change, the semantics of prevarication, and the semantics of pathological language.

German Semantics: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

German Semantics: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 294 Contrastive Grammars 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Fall 2010, Fall 2007

Theory and methods of contrastive linguistic analyses. Study of pairs of contrastive language sets in two time perspectives: Modern German with Modern English and Early New High German with Early New English.

Contrastive Grammars: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Rauch

Contrastive Grammars: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 296 Semiotics 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2010, Spring 2009, Spring 2008

Discussion of the principal figures from the basic disciplines of philosophy, biology, and linguistics influential in current trends in semiotics. Application of Peircean semiotics to a wide range of semiotic modalities.

Semiotics: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Rauch

Semiotics: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 298 Directed Group Study 2 - 8 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Summer 2017 8 Week Session

Directed Group Study: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 3.5-99 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Directed Group Study: Read Less [-]

GERMAN 299 Individual Study for Graduate Students in Literature and Linguistics 2 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

Primarily for post-M.A. students engaged in exploration of a restricted field, involving writing of a report, and for students writing their doctoral dissertations.

Individual Study for Graduate Students in Literature and Linguistics: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 10 weeks - 3-12 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Individual Study for Graduate Students in Literature and Linguistics: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

GERMAN 375A Seminar in Foreign Language Pedagogy: Teaching College German I 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014

The course focuses on the theory and practice of foreign language pedagogy. It introduces students to second language acquisition research and its relationship to pedagogy, providing a basis for staying theoretically informed and for participating in professional discourse of the field throughout one's teaching career. It also emphasizes critical reflection on pedagogical practices. Includes a practical component dealing directly with the day-to-day challenges of teaching elementary German.

Seminar in Foreign Language Pedagogy: Teaching College German I: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Formerly known as: German 350

Seminar in Foreign Language Pedagogy: Teaching College German I: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

GERMAN 375B Seminar in Foreign Language Pedagogy: Teaching College German II 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014

This course expands upon the basis of methodology and theory of language teaching covered in 350 and prepares students for teaching at the intermediate level. The theoretical and practical exploration of recent developments in second language teaching concentrates on instructional technology, teaching writing, teaching literary texts, and curriculum design. Students reflect on their development as teachers through a journal, video, and observation of their teaching, and the final portfolio.

Seminar in Foreign Language Pedagogy: Teaching College German II: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Formerly known as: German 351

Seminar in Foreign Language Pedagogy: Teaching College German II: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

GERMAN 602 Individual Study for Doctoral Students 1 - 8 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

Independent study in consultation with graduate adviser to provide an opportunity for Ph.D. students to prepare for the qualifying examination.

Individual Study for Doctoral Students: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: M.A. in German

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated once for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: German/Graduate examination preparation

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Individual Study for Doctoral Students: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

Yiddish

YIDDISH 101 Elementary Yiddish 5 Units

Offered through: German

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014

Introduction to Yiddish language and literature. Attention to reading, writing, and speaking in the context of the historic Yiddish cultural environment.

Elementary Yiddish: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Yiddish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Elementary Yiddish: Read Less [-]

YIDDISH 102 Intermediate Yiddish 5 Units

Offered through: German

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

Further intensive study of Yiddish, building on the foundation established in 101. Advanced grammar and introduction to the reading of original texts.

Intermediate Yiddish: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Yiddish 101 or equivalent

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for Yiddish 102 after completing 2.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Yiddish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intermediate Yiddish: Read Less [-]

YIDDISH 103 Readings in Yiddish 3 Units

Offered through: German

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014

Study of selected Yiddish texts including prose, poetry, and drama, from various periods and geographic areas, in the context of time and place. Review of relevant grammatical topics. Increased attention to the Hebrew/Aramaic component. Selections may vary from semester to semester.

Readings in Yiddish: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 102 or equivalent, or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when readings change.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Yiddish/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Readings in Yiddish: Read Less [-]