# German

Language is more than a mode of communication. It is the primary means of understanding a culture, a people, a way of life. Studying a second language gives us a perspective on our own language and culture, and prepares us to be knowledgeable and competent citizens of the world. In addition, those who undertake the study of languages experience the satisfaction and pleasure of learning what language is and how it works.

While Americans are traditionally viewed as monolingual, other countries routinely include language study as an essential part of a general education. In a world that is increasingly interconnected and interrelated, the development of a globally educated populace is crucial. Second language learning is a vital part of such an education.

Second language study can lead to career positions such as teacher, travel consultant, translator, and international entrepreneur. Languages also constitute an important second skill for many jobs in business, industry, government, and human services, and may be a key to increasing potential for personal growth and advancement.

**Programs**

- German *cert*

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Multiple Credentials
Any additional major, minor or certificate in a degree must have at least 6 credits of course work not used to meet the requirements of another major, minor or certificate in the degree.

Familiarity with the language and culture of German-speaking countries provides for broader understanding of history and society. Students gain perspective into their own culture and language, while acquiring linguistic ability in a new language. A BSU Certificate in German enables students to take advantage of future international work and travel opportunities.

Required Credits: 12
Required GPA: 2.00

**REQUIRED COURSES**

Complete the following courses:

Note: GER 2211 or GER 2212 must be taken through BSU.
Students can receive credits for previous German
knowledge by testing out of beginning language classes.

- GER 1111 Elementary German I (4 credits)
- GER 1112 Elementary German II (4 credits)
- GER 2211 Intermediate German I (3 credits)
  *or* GER 2212 Intermediate German II (3 credits)

**II REQUIRED ELECTIVES**

Select courses from the following to complete 12
credits in German.

- GER 4430 German Grammar and Linguistics (1 credit)
- GER 4467 Studies in the German Language and Culture (1-3 credits)
- ML 3430 Introduction to Linguistics (3 credits)
- ML 3450 Second Language Acquisition (3-4 credits)
- ML 3470 Methods Of Teaching Modern Languages (4 credits)
- ML 3971 Intercultural Immersion Internship (1-12 credits)

**Program Learning Outcomes**

1. Students will be able to communicate in German.

2. Students will be able to present information and personal preferences in German.

3. Students will be able to compare everyday culture, habits and traditions in German-speaking societies with US society.

4. Students will be able to express their opinion on cultural products from German-speaking societies.

## German Courses

**GER 1111 Elementary German I (4 credits)**
An introductory course in listening, speaking, understanding, and writing German. The cultures of German-speaking countries are introduced. [Core Curriculum Goal Area 6 & 8]

**GER 1112 Elementary German II (4 credits)**
An introductory course in listening, speaking, understanding, and writing German. The cultures of German-speaking countries are introduced. Prerequisite: GER 1111 or consent of instructor. [Core Curriculum Goal Area 6 & 8]

**GER 2211 Intermediate German I (3 credits)**
Advancement of the four basic skills; understanding, speaking, reading, and writing, especially through expansion of vocabulary. Increased focus on accuracy. Deeper understanding of German culture. Selections from German literature, as well as other fields, are used as topics for discussion. Prerequisite: GER 1112 or consent of instructor. [Core Curriculum Goal Area 6 & 8]

**GER 2212 Intermediate German II (3 credits)**
Advancement of the four basic skills; understanding, speaking, reading, and writing, especially through expansion of vocabulary. Increased focus on accuracy. Deeper understanding of German culture. Selections from German literature, as well as other fields, are used as topics for discussion. Prerequisites: GER 1112 or consent of instructor. [Core Curriculum Goal Area 6 & 8]

**GER 4430 German Grammar and Linguistics (1 credit)**
Intensive grammar review and a focus on German linguistics as needed. Emphasis on aspects of the language that enhance communication and fluency. (Might not be offered every year.)

**GER 4467 Studies in the German Language and Culture (1-3 credits)**
Possible topics include: German Literature and Music; Sustainability and the German "Green" Movement; War and Language; Germanic beginnings and the German language; German Sagas, Legends and Fairy Tales. Consideration given to special problems and interests of the students. May be taught bilingually in German and in English.

## All-University Courses

The course numbers listed below, not always included in the semester class schedule, may be registered for by consent of the advisor, instructor, or department chair, or may be assigned by the department when warranted. Individual registration requires previous arrangement by the student and the completion of any required form or planning outline as well as any prerequisites.

1910, 2910, 3910, 4910 DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY
1920, 2920, 3920, 4920 DIRECTED GROUP STUDY
1930, 2930, 3930, 4930 EXPERIMENTAL COURSE
1940, 2940, 3940, 4940 IN-SERVICE COURSE
1950, 2950, 3950, 4950 WORKSHOP, INSTITUTE, TOUR
1960, 2960, 3960, 4960 SPECIAL PURPOSE INSTRUCTION
1970, 2970, 3970, 4970 INTERNSHIP
1980, 2980, 3980, 4980 RESEARCH
1990, 2990, 3990, 4990 THESIS