

2020-2021 GERMAN MINOR

(Minimum of five course credits)

The German minor program can enable students to achieve a reasonable proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. The program also introduces students to German literature and culture.

Graduates have found their foreign-language education particularly useful in a number of professional and business careers: education, health services, a number of professional and business careers, and a wide range of government careers.

Required Core Course

GER 103 Intermediate German III*

Required Distribution Courses

Four (4) additional GER course credits beyond the 103 level, as specified by the Department of Foreign Languages.

Exploring the Minor—Students interested in German as a minor should complete or waive GER 101 and GER 102 as early as possible. Those who have had previous experience with German should contact the faculty in German for a waiver interview, which will determine their appropriate entry-level course.

Course Sequencing Considerations—Whether starting with GER 101 or at a higher level, prospective German minors should begin taking GER courses as soon as possible. Unless waived, all introductory and intermediate courses (GER 101, 102, 103) must be taken in sequence. After completion of GER 103, students may take German courses in any order.

Proficiency Requirements for the Minor—A grade of C or higher in each required GER course and in each collateral course is required for continuation in the minor. In addition to specified course requirements, each student must satisfy departmental standards for written and oral communication. Minors must meet all departmental requirements, including a B- average (2.8 GPA) in German, in order to receive financial support from the Department to study abroad.

Other Considerations in the Minor—The Department offers financial assistance for German minors who wish to study abroad. Acceptance into the minor neither requires nor guarantees a term abroad. Nevertheless, minors strongly are encouraged to study abroad during a summer term in Germany or Austria in a program approved by the Department, which advises students in selecting the proper program and applying for scholarships.

* If a student waives GER 103 by means of a placement test, the student has to take an additional 300 level GER course to complete the five required courses.