

# G E R M A N

## PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR

### High School Preparation

**Recommended as part of or in addition to the UC admission requirements:**

**A foreign language (German if offered),  
English grammar and composition,  
English literature,  
European history.**

### Transfer Preparation

**To make normal progress in the major, complete the following courses in your first two years:**

**Elementary German,  
Intermediate German.**

**Recommended:**

**Conversational German.**

Please see the UCSB *General Catalog* ([www.catalog.ucsb.edu](http://www.catalog.ucsb.edu)) or your school counselor for more information on course preparation. California community college students should see [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org).

German is the national language of two European countries and one of the official languages of five others. German is spoken by over 100 million people throughout the world. German is one of the great languages of literature, research, and scholarship. Students in UCSB's German major have access to the German culture in all of its richness and depth. In addition, they are able to pursue other disciplines within the fine arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences, which require or are enhanced by a knowledge of German.

Study of German gives students command of the language used by one of our leading trade partners in Western Europe, a country that is very important to our political and economic life. Study of German prepares students for a wealth of careers ranging from international business to politics to education. Finally, because the structural features and much of the vocabulary of English are derived from Germanic roots, study of German enhances students' written and verbal communication skills in English—skills that will serve them well in their future academic, personal, and professional lives.

### **The Department**

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in German is one of several programs offered by UCSB's Department of Germanic, Slavic, and Semitic Studies. Students in all programs acquire an appropriate linguistic background in lower-division (freshman and sophomore level) courses, study the historical development of their language, and are exposed to the modern language. Each program's curriculum provides a thorough survey of the literature.

The department's faculty members, all of whom are graduates of leading American and German universities, include specialists in the various periods of literature, linguistics, and German studies.

### **The Major**

The BA in German is for students who are seeking a rigorous liberal arts education, or a graduate career in literary studies or library science. It is also for students who wish to pursue international business or politics, gain admission to a master's degree program with a teaching emphasis, or earn a secondary-level teaching credential. Department advisors assist students with program planning and course selection.

### **The Minor**

The department offers a minor in German Studies. The minor is designed for students interested in German language and culture and requires two years of language and five upper-division courses in German culture, linguistics or literature.

### **Special Opportunities and Programs**

Students are strongly encouraged to spend a year (or semester) of study abroad at a German-language university. Qualified students may spend their junior year at the university's Education Abroad Program (EAP) center in Göttingen. EAP also has programs in Berlin and Potsdam.

## Careers in German

A major in German prepares students for a number of careers in areas such as international business, trade, the travel and tourism industries, foreign service, and United Nations and Peace Corps/Vista work. Specific careers in these fields include diplomat, translator, translator of scientific documents, interpreter, foreign correspondent and news analyst, and communications specialist.

Students interested in teaching and research at the university should plan to complete the Ph.D. degree. Students interested in teaching at the community college should pursue graduate work at least through the master's degree. Teaching at the high school (secondary) level requires the California single subject teaching credential. Students considering this last option should discuss their plans with the credential advisor in UCSB's Graduate School of Education early in their academic careers.

For more information about UCSB's German major, please call or write to:

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