

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences  
Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures  
Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages (BAFL)

**GERMAN MAJOR**

For students entering under UG Catalog 2022-2023

**Common Degree Core (21 credit hours)**

All language majors under the BA in Foreign Languages share the following Common Degree Core requirements (21 credit hours total):

- First year experience (3 credit hours)
- Language (6-15 credit hours)
- Other language-program-specific courses (3-12 credit hours)

*First year experience (3 cr)*

\_\_\_ RLCL 1004 Introduction to Religion and Culture (3) (or an FYE course completed in another major)

*Language (e.g., oral, written, interpretive) (6 cr)*

- \_\_\_ GER 3126 German Oral Proficiency (3)<sup>1</sup>
- \_\_\_ \*GER 4154 Advanced Composition and Stylistics (3)

*Other language-program-specific courses (e.g., literature, culture, linguistics) (12 cr)*

- \_\_\_ \*GER 3204 Culture of the German-Speaking Countries (3)
- \_\_\_ GER 3xxx<sup>2</sup> or 4xxx<sup>2</sup>

At least two from the following:

- \_\_\_ \*GER 4304 Age of Goethe (3)
- \_\_\_ \*GER 4314 Studies in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Literature (3)<sup>3</sup>
- \_\_\_ \*GER 4324 Studies in 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Literature (3)<sup>3</sup>
- \_\_\_ \*GER 4334 Special Topics in German Life, Literature, and Language (3)<sup>3</sup>

**Major Requirements (12 credit hours)**

- \_\_\_ \*GER 3105 Grammar, Composition, and Conversation (3)<sup>4</sup>
- \_\_\_ \*GER 3106 Grammar, Composition, and Conversation (3)<sup>4</sup>
- \_\_\_ \*GER 3305 Survey of German Literature (3)<sup>5</sup>
- \_\_\_ \*GER 3306 Survey of German Literature (3)<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Students who do not place into or out of 3126 are strongly advised to take 3125, which is designed to enable students to achieve the level of oral proficiency required for entry into 3126. For most students, the hours represented by 3125 will be in addition to the minimum of 33 hours required for the major.

<sup>2</sup> Major elective credit for GER courses taught in English (e.g., GER 3474) may be awarded with the approval of the instructor and the German advisor. A maximum of two such courses may be counted for major credit.

<sup>3</sup> Variable-content courses; may be repeated for credit with different content.

<sup>4</sup> May also count toward Pathways Area 1.

<sup>5</sup> May also count toward Pathways Area 2.

**Pre-/Co-Requisites:** Some courses required for the German major have prerequisites. They are marked above with a star (\*). Please refer to the Undergraduate Course Catalog or consult your advisor for information about prerequisites.

**Pathways to General Education Requirements (45 credit hours)**

Area 1: Discourse (9 credit hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ (foundational, 3)  
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\_\_\_\_\_ (advanced, 3)

Area 2: Critical Thinking in the Humanities (6 credit hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

Area 3: Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 credit hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

Area 4: Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (6 credit hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

Area 5: Quantitative and Computational Thinking (9 credit hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ (foundational, 3)  
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\_\_\_\_\_ (advanced, 3)

Area 6: Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts (6 credit hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

Area 7: Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States (3 credit hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**Free Electives (42 credit hours)**

Complete remaining credit hours needed to satisfy the 120 credit hour degree requirement.

**Additional Graduation Requirements and Notes:**

- **Total Credit Hours Required:** 120 credit hours are required for graduation.
- **Total Overall GPA Required:** Overall GPA requirement to graduate is 2.0.
- **In-Major Credit Hours Required:** Students must earn 33 credit hours for the German major regardless of initial course placement.
- **In-Major Grade and GPA Required:** All courses listed above under “Common Degree Core” and “Major Requirements” are considered in-major courses. A minimum grade of “C” is required in each of these courses and an average of 2.0 in all in-major courses is required for graduation.
- **AP, IB, and Study Abroad Credit:** AP placement exam credit, IB diploma credit, or study abroad credit may be used to satisfy certain requirements for the major; please see your German advisor.
- **Courses not Counting towards the Major:** GER 3125 and GER 4964.

**Language Study Requirement:**

As a major in German, you will have completed the Foreign Language (FL) requirement at Virginia Tech:

- Students who completed 3 years of a single FL in high school have completed the requirement.
- Students who did not complete 3 years of a single FL in high school may complete the requirement as follows:
  - Complete 2 years of a single language in high school plus 1106 or equivalent in college (these 3 hours count toward the 120 required for graduation) OR
  - Complete 1105 and 1106 or equivalent in college (these 6 hours do not count toward the 120 required for graduation)

**Transfer Credit:**

- Although students may transfer no more than 18 of the last 45 credits of coursework, a waiver may be requested for students participating in study abroad programs. A form for "Authorization to Take Courses Elsewhere" must be filled out and signed by the student, the departmental representative, and the Director of the Office of Education Abroad before the student departs on the study abroad program.
- Those who are transferring to Virginia Tech from a two-year school can transfer only 50% of the required graduation cr. at Virginia Tech.
- Students may transfer all German credit earned abroad, but at least 25% of the German major (a minimum of 3 courses), including one of these five courses: 4154, 4304, 4314, 4324, and 4334, must be taken at Virginia Tech.

**Satisfactory Progress Toward Degree**

By the time a student majoring in German has completed 72 semester credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, credit by examination, and course withdrawal), the student must have completed satisfactorily (a "C" or better in each required course in the major) the following courses in German: 3105 or 3106, 3204, 4154 (if not offered in senior year) and one of the following: 3305, 3306.