

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES: GERMAN



## SUCCEED. EXPERIENCE. ENJOY.

Build upon your passion for world languages and cultures. You'll broaden your employment opportunities, make connections between language and other disciplines, and even get the chance to study abroad.

### BROADEN YOUR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY STUDYING GERMAN.

Study the language of the largest economy in the European Union and one of the top three exporting countries in the world. Germany's 83 million inhabitants make it the most populous nation in Europe. German is also the nationwide official language of Austria and Liechtenstein. It is an official language in Switzerland, Belgium, and Luxembourg. German is a leading language of science, literature, art, philosophy and history.

Germany's innovative companies are at the forefront of new technologies and cutting-edge research. Companies such as Stihl, Lufthansa, Bosch, Volkswagen and BASF account for many jobs in the US, and US companies have created many employment opportunities in Germany as well.

Employers know language majors can communicate effectively in both written and spoken forms, interact with a wider group of clients, understand multiple viewpoints, exhibit cultural sensitivity and flexibility, and are able to adapt in a fast-changing world.

### WE OFFER A FLEXIBLE MAJOR WITH MANY BENEFITS.

You'll be able to take elective courses in your area of interest, such as History or Political Science. Go for a double major. A popular combo is German with Communication Studies (Interpersonal or Corporate Concentration), Political Science or Philosophy. Minor in Business, Film Studies, Military Science, or Entrepreneurship. Choose our Teacher Licensure Option. German teachers are in high demand. You'll be able to take classes with the College of Education while completing your language courses. Regardless of your chosen path, you'll be better prepared to work in the world economy.

- + **Acquire** real-world proficiency in all modes of communication (interpersonal, interpretive and presentational)
- + **Explore** the rich cultures of German-speaking countries
- + **Fulfill** the Gen Ed (Humanities) requirement with Intermediate German I and II
- + **Expand** your knowledge of German literature and film
- + **Discuss** important questions of cultural diversity, gender, race and identity

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## WHY STUDY WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES AT EIU?

### ACQUIRE SKILLS TODAY'S EMPLOYERS WANT.

Make your résumé stand out with broad skills that qualify you for a wide range of jobs that make an impact.

### MATCH YOUR GOALS.

We have flexible majors in Spanish, French and German. Take classes in your language as well as courses from other disciplines with an international focus.

### LEARN FROM TOP FACULTY.

Our professors are fabulous, fluent, and fun. Get wowed by dynamic instructors who are dedicated to their craft.

### REACH PROFICIENCY FOR SUCCESS.

Our small classes focus on you and your progress. Ample practice will ensure you're moving up on the proficiency scale in all modes of communication.

### SAVE MONEY AND TIME.

\$15,000+ scholarships earmarked for EIU World Languages and Cultures majors. Up to 6 free credits awarded for proficiency gained in high school. Have the Seal of Biliteracy? Get 8 credits.

### HAVE A PASSION FOR TEACHING?

Choose our teacher licensure option. Our outstanding program is ACTFL/CAEP accredited. And it's the perfect time to become a language teacher: 100% placement in all languages.

### GAIN EXPERIENCE AND CONNECT.

Meaningful and memorable service learning in the community: Tutor for "Amigos and Friends." Teach our after school program in Spanish, French, or German. Intern at GlobalFest.

### GO STUDY ABROAD.

Worried about money or time? We have study abroad programs for all budgets and timelines. Earn 2 to 15 credits!

### BUILD WORLD LANGUAGE COMMUNITY.

Work as a tutor in our World Language Center. Collaborate with faculty to promote the study of world languages. Have a great time with fellow language lovers: Conversation tables; Spanish, French and German Clubs; film nights; Honor Society events; Mardi Gras; Karneval; Oktoberfest; Latino Heritage Month, Fiesta Latina and more.

### WE'RE ALL IN!

Small classes, great faculty, and unique opportunities.

## REQUIRED COURSEWORK

WITH 2-3 YEARS OF GERMAN STUDY IN HIGH SCHOOL, STUDENTS USUALLY START AT THE 2000-LEVEL. SEE CATALOG FOR AP AND ADVANCED COMPETENCY CREDIT. **ALL COURSES ARE 3 CREDIT HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

**WLG 2201G** - Intermediate German I (4 HRS)

**WLG 2202G** - Intermediate German II (4HRS)

### 24 UPPER DIVISION HOURS, FROM COURSES SUCH AS:

**WLG 3101 & 3102** - German Conversation and Composition I and II

**WLG 3200** - German Culture and Civilization

**WLG 3315** - German Lyrics and Ballads

**WLG 3330** - German for Business

**WLG 4405** - Topics of German Literature (1-3 HRS)

Topics courses include: Legends and Fairy Tales, German Film for Conversation, and Contemporary Forms of Communication

## ELECTIVE COURSEWORK: 9 HRS

Any combination of courses from other departments with a focus on diversity or international studies and/or courses in another world language. Courses will be chosen in consultation with an advisor.

**TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR MAJOR: 33 HRS**

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- + **GERMAN MINOR:** With 2-3 years of prior high school study, students usually take WLG 2201G Intermediate German I, WLG 2202G Intermediate German II plus 4 classes (12 credits) on the 3000 or 4000 level.
- + **STUDY ABROAD:** Perfect your German and earn language credits! Experience life in Germany's beautiful historic university towns. Spend a semester (12-16 credits) at our partner universities in Würzburg or Lüneburg. You can also choose a different location in Germany and direct enroll through our Study Abroad Office. Immerse yourself in German!



*"I envision myself working for a company in Germany or working in the US for a job where knowing German is a necessity. I look forward to studying in Würzburg next year and using German every single day. I enjoy my time in the World Language Department. I'm always in the lab to do homework, speak German and take a break whenever I need it. My German has flourished since my freshman year, also through*

*German Club, Stammtisch and just speaking German to other German speakers. I've made wonderful friends with people I've met here."*

**KHRISTOPHER STEVENS**

SOPHOMORE GERMAN AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES  
DOUBLE MAJOR