German and Scandinavian

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The Department of German and Scandinavian offers a range of courses and degree programs, from instruction in beginning German and Swedish through a wealth of general-education and advanced undergraduate and graduate offerings in the literatures and cultures of German-speaking and Scandinavian Europe. Students may earn a bachelor of arts (BA) or a bachelor of science (BS) degree with a focus on German language, literature, and culture; interdisciplinary German and Scandinavian studies; or Scandinavian. Minors in all three of these focuses are also possible, and many undergraduates pursue concurrent degrees with second majors or minors in other departments and programs. At the graduate level, the department offers the master of arts (MA) and doctor of philosophy (PhD) degrees in German. Our five-year combined BA/MA program is an excellent option for motivated students. Ours is the only program in the state of Oregon that grants a PhD in German.

Preparation

Nor prior knowledge of German is required to major or minor in German. The beginning is simply curiosity about the language and culture of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Central Europe. With some prior knowledge, of course, one will be able to proceed more quickly through the major or minor by placing into a higher level.

Careers

Our alumni have found positions in media and communications, government and public service, international business and law, education and teaching, social services, and the travel and tourism industry. Many go on to graduate school in education, law, the humanities, and other fields. Proficiency in a second language opens career opportunities in any number of fields that demand superior skills in oral and written communication, critical thinking and analysis, and intercultural understanding. Particularly in combination with another major or minor, the career possibilities are limitless. Students who graduate with a degree in German or Scandinavian enter a great variety of occupations, including but by no means limited to those with a direct connection to the languages and countries of Europe.

Major Requirements

Students intending to major with a focus in German language, literature, and culture or interdisciplinary German studies must first acquire proficiency in the German language, typically demonstrated by satisfactory completion of the third term of Second-Year German III (GER 203) or a placement exam. Thereafter, students may begin to take upper-division courses taught in German.

The department does not accept a grade of C– or lower in any course used to fulfill requirements for a major in German.

Faculty

Corinna Bayerl, senior instructor (16th- to early 18th-century French and German literature and philosophy; gender questions; history of pedagogy). Currently in the Clark Honors College. See Comparative Literature.


Matthias Vogel, senior instructor (second-language acquisition); language coordinator, German language programs; coordinator, German Global Scholars. BA, 1993, Johannes Gutenberg, Mainz; MA, 1996, Oregon. (2011)

Emeriti


James R. McWilliams, associate professor emeritus. BA, 1951, MA, 1957, PhD, 1963, California, Berkeley. (1960)


Ingrid A. Weatherhead, senior instructor emerita. BA, 1950, MA, 1951, Puget Sound. (1962)

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The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.

German Studies Participating Faculty

Nina Amstutz, history of art and architecture
Jack Boss, music
Anita Chari, political science
Joyce Cheng, history of art and architecture
James Conran, political science
Colin Koopman, philosophy
David M. Luebke, history
John McCole, history
Nicolae Morar, environmental studies
Barbara Muraca, philosophy
Craig Parsons, political science
Daniel Rosenberg, history
Emily Scott, history of art and architecture
Barbara Stawarska, philosophy
Alejandro Vallega, philosophy
Daniela Vallega-Neu, philosophy
Peter Warnek, philosophy

Undergraduate Programs

Major - Bachelor's Degree

• German (BA/BS) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/humanities/german-scandinavian/ug-german/)

Minors

• German (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/humanities/german-scandinavian/min-german/)
• German and Scandinavian Studies (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/humanities/german-scandinavian/min-german-scan/)
• Scandinavian (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/humanities/german-scandinavian/min-scandinavian/)

Graduate Programs

Major - Master's Degree

• German (MA) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/humanities/german-scandinavian/ma-german/)

Major - Doctoral Degree

• German (PhD) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/humanities/german-scandinavian/phd-german/)