

FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE - German



College of Arts and Sciences • Department of Foreign Languages and Literature

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Foreign Languages and Literature, German Specialization
- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Foreign Languages and Literature, Secondary Education Teacher Certification in German

German at SIUE

Studying another language opens a whole new world of opportunity. Learning the language of another country gives you the opportunity to understand people who, on the surface, may seem different from you. In fact, if you could understand them, you might find that they are more similar to you than you realize. While some people mistakenly believe that “everyone speaks English,” obviously this statement is not true. To be sure, millions of people throughout the world may have a superficial knowledge of English, which allows for limited and rudimentary communication. However, in order to truly gain insight into different cultures, to develop intercultural understanding, to be able to sensitively handle issues concerning diversity, it is essential to learn a foreign language. It prepares you to be successful in the global marketplace. It enables you to visit another country and communicate with its citizens. It increases your global understanding and your ability to contribute to world peace. It gives you the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate ethnic festivals and celebrations in your home country and abroad. Ultimately, it gives you the ability to enrich your life by increasing your exposure to and appreciation for all the other “worlds” out there.

Career Opportunities

The global awareness and cultural understanding acquired through learning a second language will serve students well in the 21st century. College graduates with knowledge of one or more foreign languages will enjoy a competitive edge in the multicultural workforce in most professions in the United States, in most branches of the federal government, and in teaching at all levels. They also will find rewarding careers in international business, including import and export trade, translator, and consultant positions. Salaries are competitive, and travel opportunities often are an exciting job benefit.

Admission Requirements

Students wishing to declare a major must satisfy the following requirements:

- Complete all Academic Development courses required by the University.
- Complete any required courses to address high school deficiencies.
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 in courses completed at SIUE.

All incoming students with one year or more of high school foreign language study are required to take a placement test prior to enrolling in any course in that same language at SIUE. There is no charge for the test, and students may earn up to 16 hours of proficiency credit in accordance with University and departmental policies. These credits can give you a head start on a major or minor in a world language by starting at a more advanced level, assist you in a double major, or help you complete your major or minor early.



Faculty

Belinda Carstens-Wickham, PhD

1980, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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1987, University of Florida

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2004, Washington University

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Sample Four-Year Curriculum - Bachelor of Arts, Foreign Languages and Literature - German

FALL 2014

SPRING 2015

YEAR 1	FALL 2014		SPRING 2015	
	Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits
YEAR 1	GER 101 – Elementary German I (BICS)	4	GER 102 – Elementary German II (EGC)	4
	ENG 101 – English Composition I	3	ENG 102 – English Composition II	3
	FL 111b – Intro to Foreign Studies (BHUM)	3	QR 101 - Quantitative Reasoning	3
	Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA)	3	United States Cultures (EUSC)	3
	SPC 101 or 103	3	Health Experience (EH)	3
	Total	16	Total	16
YEAR 2	GER 201 – Intermediate German I (BICS)	4	GER 202 – Intermediate German II	4
	CIED - Introduction to Education	2	Physical Science (BPS)	3
	Life Science (BLS)	3	Elective	3
	Social Science (BSS)	3	Elective	3
	Lab Experience (EL)	3	Elective	3
	Total	16	Total	16
YEAR 3	GER 301 – Advanced German	4	GER 352 – Survey of German Literature	3
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	Interdisciplinary Studies (IS)	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	16	Total	15
YEAR 4	GER 400a – Senior Essay	2	GER 400b – Senior Essay	2
	German Elective (300-400 level)	3	German Elective (300-400 level)	3
	Elective	3	German Elective (300-400 level)	3
	Elective	4	Elective	3
	Total	15	Elective	3
			Total	14

TRANSFER STUDENTS Maximize your transfer experience - complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy either the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at siue.edu/transfer.

In order to be admitted into the teacher certification program, students must have:

- Received a grade of C or above in **ENG 101** and **ENG 102**
- Completed 43 semester hours of course credit and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher (this includes work at other institutions)
- Successfully completed the introductory course **CIED 200**
- **Passed the ILTS Test of Academic Proficiency** (formerly known as the Basic Skills Test.) Information about this test is available at www.icts.nesinc.com

Graduation Requirements

For majors and minors in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, credit is allowed for only those courses in which grades of C or better are earned. A "B" (3.0) average in the major is required for Teacher certification (K-12).

Other Foreign Language Programs at SIUE

- French
- Spanish

Contact Information

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