



## THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES & LINGUISTICS

### Why study German?

- German is the most widely spoken language in Europe.
- German is the second-most commonly used scientific language.
- German-speaking countries have a rich cultural heritage.
- Goethe, Nietzsche, Kafka, Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, Freud and Einstein spoke German.
- Germany has the 3<sup>rd</sup> strongest economy and is the #1 export nation in the world.
- Knowing German will deepen your knowledge of the culture and improve your employment opportunities.
- German is not as hard to learn as you think
- German is required or recommended by many undergraduate and graduate programs.
- There are many scholarships for international exchanges each year.
- In many regions, Germans account for the largest percentage of tourists.

### How to major, co-major, or minor in German:

- The **German Major** consists of thirty semester hours in German courses numbered above 2999. Core required courses for the major are GER 3400 and GER 3500. Students must have a minimum of six semester hours of skills courses, as well as six semester hours of literature, film, and culture classes. A minimum of six semester hours must be taken at the 4000 level.
- Twelve semester hours numbered above 1999 are required for the **Minor in German**.
- **Co-Major in Another Foreign Language.** Twenty-one semester hours in German courses numbered above 1999 must be taken, plus twenty-one semester hours above the 1999 level in one of the following: Chinese, French, Italian, Linguistics, Russian, or Spanish. The student should consult with the advisors for each language to select appropriate courses.
- **Major in German with a Concentration in Business** consists of twenty-one semester hours numbered above 2999, plus twenty-seven hours of designated courses in the College of Business.

### Teacher Certification in German.

For teacher certification of language teaching in the state of Florida, students are not required to complete education courses, just your German major (plus a minor if required) through the College of Arts and Sciences. You can then qualify for a Temporary Florida Educator's Certificate. While student teaching you can learn the professional education competencies to qualify for a Professional Florida Educator's Certificate.

### Honors in the Major.

Requirements include a 3.2 grade point average for entrance into the program, completion of six hours of honors research, and the writing of an honors thesis.

### German Honor Society.

Students with a 3.5 GPA in German, a 3.0 overall and at least 3 courses in German above the language requirement, with an A average in each, are encouraged to apply for membership in the Delta Phi Alpha German Honor Society. Contact Dr. Birgit Maier-Katkin (bmaierkatkin@fsu.edu) for an application and further details.

### How to meet other German students?

- **Stammtisch** (The German Table) meets once a week and is an opportunity to speak German in an informal setting, meet other people in the German division, and hear the latest gossip. Exact dates and times are posted on the German program website
- **The German Club** provides FSU students with an opportunity to meet with other German students, organize events such as the *Oktoberfest*, discuss topics, view movies and exchange information about German speaking countries. Students from all language levels are welcome. For more information contact the German Club President: Mercedes Krimme ([mkk06@fsu.edu](mailto:mkk06@fsu.edu))



### Study Abroad Possibilities

- Students who wish to spend a semester in Germany can enroll either in the FU-BEST program offered at the *Freie Universität* in Berlin or at *Odenburg Universität* and transfer their credits to FSU.
- Language courses are also offered by the *Goethe Institut* throughout Germany.

### Scholarship Opportunities

Students interested in studying abroad should consider applying for funding and programs available through the following:

- [German Academic Exchange Service \(DAAD\)](#)
- [Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange](#)
- [Humboldt Foundation](#)
- [Fulbright Program](#)
- [National Security Education Program / David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships](#)
- [Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships](#)
- [Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships](#)
- [Delta Phi Alpha Scholarship Awards](#)
- [American Austrian Foundation](#)
- [Work Immersion Study Program \(WISP\)](#)

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