

GERMAN, BA

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the Guide.

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| General Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits • Breadth–Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits • Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits • Communication Part A & Part B * • Ethnic Studies * • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B * |
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* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

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| Language | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the fourth unit of a language other than English; OR • Complete the third unit of a language and the second unit of an additional language other than English. |
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| L&S Breadth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and • 12 credits of Social Science; and • 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course. |
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Liberal Arts and Science Coursework	Complete at least 108 credits.
Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work	Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.
Major	Declare and complete at least one major.
Total Credits	Complete at least 120 credits.
UW–Madison Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 credits in residence, overall; and • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.
Quality of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000 in all coursework at UW–Madison • 2,000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

27 credits in the major, as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		6
GERMAN 337	Advanced Composition & Conversation	
GERMAN 676	Advanced Seminar in German Studies ¹	
Electives¹		21
GERMAN 305	Literatur des 20. und 21. Jahrhunderts	
GERMAN 351	Introduction to German Linguistics	
GERMAN 352	Topics in German Linguistics	
GERMAN 362	Topics in German Literature	
GERMAN 367	Study Abroad in German Literature	
GERMAN 368	Study Abroad in German Culture	
GERMAN 369	Study Abroad in German Linguistics	
GERMAN 372	Topics in German Culture	
GERMAN 385	Honors Seminar in German Literature	
GERMAN 411	Kultur des 20. und 21. Jahrhunderts	
GERMAN 612	German Literary Movements Since 1750	
GERMAN 625	Letterkunde der Lage Landen	
GERMAN 645	Cultuurkunde der Lage Landen	

GERMAN 650	History of the German Language
GERMAN/ MEDIEVAL 651	Introduction to Middle High German
GERMAN 681	Senior Honors Thesis-First Semester
GERMAN 682	Senior Honors Thesis-Second Semester
GERMAN 683	Senior Honors Seminar in German Literature
GERMAN 698	Directed Study
GERMAN 699	Directed Study
Total Credits	27

COGNATE COURSES AS ELECTIVES

Up to 9 cognate course credits may count as electives within the German major. These are courses with German-related subject matter that are taught in English, either in the German program or in other departments. Cognate courses taken in the German program may be at the Elementary, Intermediate, or Advanced levels; those taken in other departments must be at the Advanced level only. Any questions about which courses may be counted as cognate courses may be directed to the undergraduate advisor. Currently the cognate list includes:

Code	Title	Credits
GERMAN 236	Bascom Course	
GERMAN 245	Topics in Dutch Life and Culture	
GERMAN 264	Culture in 20th Century Berlin	
GERMAN 266	Topics in German and/or Yiddish Culture	
GERMAN 267	Yiddish Song and the Jewish Experience	
GERMAN/ JEWISH/ LITTRANS 269	Yiddish Literature and Culture in Europe	
GERMAN 272	Nazi Culture	
GERMAN 275	Kafka and the Kafkaesque	
GERMAN/ LITTRANS 276	Special Topics in German and World Literature/s	
GERMAN 278	Topics in German Culture	
GERMAN/ JEWISH/ LITTRANS 279	Yiddish Literature and Culture in America	
GERMAN/ LITTRANS 280	From Grimm to Gryffindor: German Fairytales (Re)imagined	
GERMAN 325	Topics in Dutch Literature	
GERMAN/ JEWISH 510	German-Jewish Culture Since the 18th Century	
GERMAN 560	Topics in German Studies	
GERMAN 625	Letterkunde der Lage Landen	
GERMAN 645	Cultuurkunde der Lage Landen	
GERMAN/ MEDIEVAL 651	Introduction to Middle High German	
GEN&WS/ LITTRANS 270	German Women Writers in Translation	
GNS 375	Philosophy, Theory, Criticism	

HISTORY/ JEWISH 310	The Holocaust
HISTORY/ ENVIR ST 328	Environmental History of Europe
HISTORY 359	History of Europe Since 1945
HISTORY 410	History of Germany, 1871 to the Present
JEWISH/ PHILOS 442	Moral Philosophy and the Holocaust
JEWISH/ ENGL 539	Jewish Literatures in Diaspora
RELIG ST 406	The Amish

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all GERMAN courses and all major courses
- 2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level major credits, taken in residence²
- 15 credits in GERMAN, taken on campus

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the German undergraduate advisor.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.300 in all Advanced-level GERMAN courses
- Complete 29 total Advanced-level credits in German, 20 of which must be taken for Honors, to include:

Code	Title	Credits
GERMAN 337	Advanced Composition & Conversation (for honors credit)	3
GERMAN 676	Advanced Seminar in German Studies (for honors credit)	3
GERMAN 681 & GERMAN 682	Senior Honors Thesis-First Semester and Senior Honors Thesis-Second Semester	6

FOOTNOTES

¹ At least 3 of these credits must be taken on the UW-Madison campus (not through Study Abroad).

² GERMAN courses numbered 300-699 are upper-level in the major, except: GERMAN 311, GERMAN 312, GERMAN 313, GERMAN 314, GERMAN 325, GERMAN 377, GERMAN 378, GERMAN 379, GERMAN 391, GERMAN 392, GERMAN 401, GERMAN 402, GERMAN 403, GERMAN 404, and any Dutch topic course.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree	To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.
Residency	Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.
Quality of Work	Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.