

What is German Studies?

The German Studies program teaches and conducts research in the language, literature, and culture of the German-speaking nations of Europe: Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. The program also offers courses in Dutch, the language spoken in the Netherlands and parts of Belgium. There is a major in German studies, a minor in German, and a minor in Dutch studies; these major and minor programs include study of language as well as of literature, philology, culture, and civilization.

The department recommends study abroad in a German speaking country for at least six months in order to acquire cultural familiarity and language fluency. Students may apply appropriate coursework to a German studies major or German minor. The University is affiliated with exchange programs in Berlin and Freiburg for both one- and two-semester stays. There are also other possibilities for study at many additional German, Austrian, and Swiss universities.

What are the major requirements?

Go to www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html and select "Undergraduate majors."

How do I declare a German Studies major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with the director of undergraduate studies to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a German Studies major, meet with the director of undergraduate studies to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your student community for information about the major's declaration process.

What can I do with a major in German Studies?

Skills

German studies majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers.

These skills include:

- Verbal and written communication skills
- Strong cultural knowledge and understanding
- Ability to formulate clear and persuasive messages
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups

Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

For more information:

About the German Studies major:

Undergraduate Advising
205 Folwell Hall
(612) 625-2080
<http://www.gsd.umn.edu/>

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Languages and Mathematics Student Community
114 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7540
<http://langmath.class.umn.edu>

or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
<http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/>
mlk@class.cla.umn.edu

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division
20 Nicholson
(612) 624-5522
www.cla.umn.edu/honors/
honors@class.cla.umn.edu

- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, recruiting, international business
- Education—teaching, research, student affairs
- Government—public information, campaigns, policy, elected official
- Social services—social work, therapy, ESL instruction
- Nonprofit—fundraising, programming, management
- Law—litigation, advocacy, lobbying

Today's workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The **Career & Community Learning Center** provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

Remember!

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!