

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS



Modern Languages and Literatures: German

The university offers the study of four modern languages (French, German, Italian and Spanish) as well as a major in comparative literary traditions. One-semester courses in other languages are occasionally available.

Learning a second language provides not only a practical skill in communicating with others but also a viewpoint from which to observe the phenomenon of language itself. At the same time, it gives you access to the mental and psychological dimensions of cultural traditions and peoples other than your own. Exploring how others express themselves yields insights into patterns of thinking and behaving. Now that communication worldwide has become almost instantaneous, the ability to understand these dimensions and patterns is more important than ever before.

The German Program

The German major consists of five core courses beyond the university's Core curriculum language requirement and a group of specific courses called study tracks. You must declare your German study track in your junior year. Consult the UD German program website for a list of specific courses required for each track.

German Literature offers the Literary Tradition sequence as well as other literature-based courses in the German language.

German Linguistics offers coursework in the three main areas of foreign language linguistics. These courses offer meta-discussion of language in the theoretical framework of the field as it is currently practiced in the U.S.

German Cultural History offers a focus on the broader areas of German culture and the history of ideas within German culture. This track, interdisciplinary in nature, incorporates courses offered in other departments, giving you maximum flexibility in defining an area of concentration.

Modern Languages Four-Year Plan:

Freshman Year

Art, Drama, Music or Math	3	Art, Drama, Music or Math	3
English 1301	3	English 1302	3
History 1311	3	History 1312	3
Language 2311	3	Language 2312	3
Philosophy 1301	3	Theology 1310	3
Fall Semester Credits	15	Spring Semester Credits	15

Junior Year

Major Language	6	Major Language	6
Philosophy 3311	3	Economics 1311	3
Science	3	Science	3
Elective	3	Elective (or required course)	3
Fall Semester Credits	15	Spring Semester Credits	15

Sophomore Year (Actual schedule depends on when you go to Rome.)

English 2311 and 2312	6
History 2301 and 2302	6
Philosophy 2323	3
Theology 2311	3
Politics 1311	3
Art, Drama, Music and Math	3
Major Language	6
Total Sophomore Year Credits	30

Senior Year

Major Language	6	Major Language	3
Philosophy Elective	3	Senior Thesis (or req. course)	3
Electives	6	Electives	9
Fall Semester Credits	15	Spring Semester Credits	15

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Comprehensive Examination

In the spring semester, seniors take oral and written comprehensive exams. A reading list for comprehensive exams is supplied for preparation. In the written comps, you will address three topics from a list of essay topics. The oral exam covers both the written essays and other topics.

Concentrations

A concentration in German consists of four courses (12 credits) in German language/ literature at the advanced level (3000 or above), including a skills course and then at least one course in each of the three German studies tracks.

The **international studies concentration** is designed particularly for those students majoring in politics, economics, history or modern language but can be taken by students majoring in other disciplines at the university. It provides an excellent foundation for those thinking of careers in foreign service, international organizations or international business. It aims at leading you to reflect on the unique nature of the international environment in its political, economic and historical aspects.

Action Items for Modern Language Majors:

- Join campus clubs and organizations that support your interests, like the **German Club** and the **Dallas Goethe Center**. Explore what various organizations have to offer and what skills you can offer in return.
- **Explore electives beyond your German coursework.** Electives from other departments, such as business, art or philosophy, could benefit your career.
- Work with your academic adviser and the Office of Personal Career Development to explore **internship, research and volunteer opportunities** that will complement your study of German. Because UD students develop particularly good textual analysis skills and a sharp eye for detail, many organizations are interested in recruiting them.
- **Study in Germany.** Work with your academic adviser to find opportunities that will allow you to experience German culture first-hand, like UD's official partner University, Catholic University of Eichstaett. Their summer and semester programs are available for transfer credit and internship opportunities.

Applying your interests, skills and values in a changing world

Some examples of recent modern language major internships include:

Bilingual Operations Intern, Dallas Goethe Center
Summer Assistant to General Director and CEO, The Dallas Opera
Bilingual Marketing Intern, Greater Irving Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce

Professional destinations of recent modern language graduates have included:

Part-time Translator, Dallas Contemporary
Property Administrator, Lincoln Properties
Assistant, Bell Publishing
Spanish Teacher, Decatur High School
Risk Management Coordinator, Enhanced Senior Customer Assistance Representative, Enterprise Holdings
Associate Activities Director, Ashford Hall

Examples of institutions where recent modern language graduates have pursued graduate-level degrees include:

University of Dallas
University of Texas School of Pharmacy
L'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia, Italy