Requirements for Major in German

30 points. Required courses:

GERM UN2102 Intermediate German II

GERM UN3001 (Advanced I) or UN3002 (Advanced II) (can be waived and replaced by another 3000 level class upon consultation with DUS)

GERM UN3333 (Introduction to German Literature)

Two of the period survey courses in German literature and culture (or equivalent courses upon consultation with DUS), UN3443 (19th-Century), UN3444 (1900 to 1945), UN3445 (1945 to present); at least one of these must focus on pre-20th-century cultural history, GERM UN3442 (18th-Century)

One course in German intellectual history;

The Advanced Topics in German Literature course GERM UN3991.

The remaining courses to be chosen from the 3000- or 4000-level offerings in German and Comparative Literature-German in consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

* Intermediate German II (GERM UN 2102) can be counted toward the required 30 points, but the total of points from language courses should not be higher than six points.

Requirements for Minor in German

The total number of courses required for the minor is 5 courses (= minimum of 15 points).

Pre-requisites:

The minor requires at least 4 semesters of German language (= through Intermediate II), or equivalent proficiency determined by placement test. However, students can count the second semester of intermediate German (GERM UN2102) towards their five courses and begin other coursework (in translation) before completing the four semesters of language.

Language/Literature and Culture distribution:

A maximum of 6 points can be fulfilled with upper-level language courses (Intermediate II and/or Advanced). The remaining credits (= at least three courses) need to be 3000/4000-level literature/culture courses.

Required Course:

GERM UN3333 (Introduction to German Literature)

Course Description: Prerequisites: GERM UN2102 or the equivalent. Examines short literary texts and various methodological approaches to interpreting such texts in order to establish a basic familiarity with the study of German literature and culture. Recommended Electives:

- 1. One of the period survey courses in German literature and culture
- a. GERM UN3442 Survey of German Literature: 18th-Century
- b. GERM UN3443 Survey of German Literature: 19th-Century
- c. GERM UN3444: Survey of German Literature: 20th-Century
- 2. GERM UN3991: Advanced Topics in German Literature

Other electives:

The remaining courses can be chosen, in consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies, from the department's other 3000- or 4000-level offerings in German and Comparative Literature-German (taught in German or English).

Sequencing:

Four semesters of language (or equivalent) need to be completed before students can enroll in German-language literature and culture classes. The "Introduction to German Literature" will ideally be taken in the beginning of their work on the minor, while the "Advanced Topics" provides more of a capstone experience. We do, however, offer flexibility with sequencing to accommodate tight scheduling and encourage students with advanced competency to enroll in "Advanced Topics" as early as their junior year.

German Placement & Proficiency Exams

German Language Placement Exam: is offered every semester to students who already speak the language in order to determine their language level (Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced) and the right level language course.

German Proficiency Exam: The proficiency exam is a translation exam intended for graduate students. You will have 2 hours to translate one of a choice of two 300-word German texts into coherent English. You may use a dictionary/ies, either paper and/or electronic. You may not use any online translation program such as Google translate.

