

Deutsches Haus

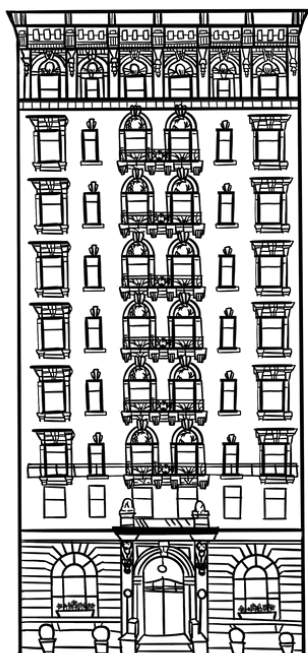
Deutsches Haus at Columbia University promotes academic, cultural, and social exchange between members of the Columbia community and the public with an interest in German affairs. Frequent events throughout the fall and spring terms offer students opportunities to practice their German.

Cultural programs and social activities sponsored by Deutsches Haus include:

- conversation hours (Kaffeestunde)
- lecture and film series
- academic conferences

For more information about events at Deutsches Haus, please go to:

<https://germanic.columbia.edu/deutsches-haus>



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Studying German at Columbia University Language - Literature - Culture



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"The best decision I made as a freshman was enrolling in a German class because not only was I immediately a member of a small and supportive community inside the Department, but the other kids in my class would go on to become some of my best friends and my teachers life-changing mentors."

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Why Study German at Columbia?

In our courses we use German actively from the beginning. Our classes are student-centered, interactive, and go beyond grammar and vocabulary. All language classes are also culture classes.

Advanced courses combine the practice of language, writing, skills, and culture.

Majors and concentrators acquire proficiency in literature and culture.

Classes are small yet lively and allow for close individual mentoring of students by our faculty.

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“Columbia’s German language program was the highlight of my undergraduate education! Each professor is expertly skilled at teaching, approachable and well-versed in the culture and periods that we studied. I always left class with new knowledge in addition to my language learning. [...] I only wish I started earlier so I could have majored or minored in the Department.”

“Most of all, the German Department felt like a family, with small seminars that might meet to discuss Goethe outside on a warm, sunny day and where I have kept touch with professors two decades after graduating.”

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THE GERMAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The German Language Program offers courses for beginning, intermediate and advanced learners. To ensure optimal placement, students who have had prior German instruction are required to take our placement test. In addition, we offer a reading knowledge course to graduate students for academic purposes.

Courses offered every semester: Beginning German I and II, Intermediate German I and II, Intermediate Conversation I and II, and a selection of Advanced Level Courses.

Courses only offered in the Fall: Advanced German I (Berlin Course)

Courses only offered in the Spring: Advanced German II (Vienna Course)

Summer Term: We also offer a selection of courses during the summer, in session D and Q, incl. Intensive Elementary German I and II course and two sections of Accelerated Elementary Reading (Transl. Course to prepare for Proficiency Exam for grad. students). For more information go to <http://summer.sps.columbia.edu/>

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“The faculty challenged me to become a critical thinker and a passionate scholar – qualities crucial for success in any discipline.”

““It is safe to say that I never would have won my dream job of Berlin bureau chief for the NY Times if I hadn’t studied German at Columbia.”

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MAJOR AND MINOR IN GERMAN

Requirements for the Major: 30 points (10 courses) including:

Introduction to German Literature, Advanced I or Advanced II, 2 survey courses in German lit. and culture, 1 course in German intellectual history, Advanced Topics in German Literature. Advanced I and II are not sequential and can be taken out of order.

Remaining courses taught in German or English can be chosen from the 3000 or 4000-level course offerings.

Courses in English can be taken early on, while still working on German proficiency.

Optional Senior Thesis!

Requirements for the New Minors (STEM/SEAS Included): 15 points (5 courses) in German courses numbered UN3001 and above.

Requirements for Old Concentration: 21 points (7 courses) in German courses numbered UN3001 and above. *not applicable for the class of 2028*

For more information, go to: <http://tiny.cc/lkdauz>

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Summer in Berlin Each year, the Department provides between 10 to 12 summer language scholarships to CC, Barnard, GS, and SEAS undergraduates who have completed one full year of German language instruction in the department's German language program by the spring semester. Students are enrolled in a four-week language course in Berlin and eligible to receive college credits upon return to the CU program contingent on completion of the Placement Exam and passing the next higher level course of German (B+ minimum).

Berlin Consortium for German Studies offers two programs:

1. The BCGS in German (whole academic-year or spring semester) allows motivated undergraduate students to immerse themselves in German academic and cultural life by undertaking university course work in Berlin.

More info here: <http://tiny.cc/ikdauz>

2. BCGS English Language Program follows the US Spring Semester in partnership with FU-BEST and is intended for beginner and intermediate students. The program provides: German language instructions, subject courses in English, and the concept of the “extended classroom”. More info here: <http://tiny.cc/gkdauz>