INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The German major provides students with the knowledge, experience, language fluency, and analytical skills necessary to incorporate German culture and German studies into your career. The major offers a large selection of courses in literature, linguistics, philosophy, psychology, history, film, and business, along with opportunities to study abroad.

Students are challenged to gain fluency in the German language, read works by major German thinkers in their original language, and venture abroad to German-speaking countries to embrace new cultures. The German undergraduate program provides students with the language fluency, cultural knowledge, academic experience, and analytical skills necessary to attend graduate school, enter the job market, and be global citizens who are culturally aware and critical thinkers.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

• Showcase your German skills through cabaret performance in GERMAN 102A.
• Apply for a FLAS award to support your language study.
• Immerse yourself in German language and culture with study abroad.
• Enroll in the GERMAN 113 Capstone Project and work with a faculty member to synthesize what you have learned in the major.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

• Already have an intended major? Consider adding German as a second major or minor.
• To declare the German major or minor you must successfully complete GERMAN 2.
• Students can enroll in upper division German courses taught in English while they are starting to learn the language.
• The department also offers GERMAN 1-4 during the summer.

Please contact the Undergraduate Advisor for more information.

I loved that no matter what German class I was in, the content was presented in a relevant and succinct way that somehow always connected to current events and topics.

– Madison Erdall, Class of 2019

ADVISING

Students can reach the Undergraduate Advisor in 5311 Dwinelle Hall or at germanic@berkeley.edu.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit german.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

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Design Your Journey

**FIRST YEAR**
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.
- Enroll in L&S and HUM 10 (Compass Courses) and learn about study options in L&S and the Arts & Humanities.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Complete the lower division prerequisite elementary and intermediate German language course sequence and declare the major.
- Review the major guidelines for study abroad.
- Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

**THIRD YEAR**
- Focus on upper division requirements.
- Sign up for GERMAN 202A for a performance-oriented approach to German.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Ask your major advisor about the German honors program.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Synthesize what you have learned in the GERMAN 113 Capstone Project.
- Complete any “bucket list” courses.
- Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**
- Jobs and Employers
  - Administrative, Euka Bionics
  - Administrative, Goethe Institute
  - Bundesdag Intern, DAAD
  - Customer Service, Deutsche Bank
  - DO/VISTA, National Park Service
  - Fulbright Fellow, U.S. State Dept.
  - Inside Sales, Applied Spectral Imaging
  - Manager, Wondfo
  - Ops. Research Analyst, Roberts Cap.
  - Sales & Business Dev, Oracle
  - Translator, Amazon
  - Translator, Buchenwald Memorial
  - Facebook Translator
  - Google Translator

**Graduate Programs**
- Astronomy, Masters
- Business, MBA
- Chemistry, Masters
- Comparative Literature, PhD
- Education, PhD
- Elementary Education, Masters
- Foreign Language & Literature, MA
- German, PhD
- International Relations, Masters
- Law, Doctoral
- Linguistics, PhD
- Medicine, MD
- Public Administration, Masters
- Public Health, Masters
- Secondary School, Masters
- Social Work, Masters

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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**German Bachelor of Arts**

- Connect and build community
  - Get 11 mentoring from graduate students with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program.
  - Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
  - Use the resources at the Berkeley Language Center.
- Discover your passions
  - Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
  - Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
  - Explore the collection of Germanic scholarly resources in the department and University Library.
- Engage locally and globally
  - Attend the Calapaloosa student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
  - Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
  - Explore study, internship, and research abroad options in Germany with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Reflect and plan your future
  - Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
  - Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.
  - Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.
  - Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.