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.

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.

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

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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.
- Explore new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Attend 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.
- Enroll in L&S and HUM 10 (Compass Courses) and learn about study options in L&S and the Arts & Humanities.
- Attend social activities and events hosted by the German department.
- Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
- Practice your German in a casual environment at a Kaffeeklatsch or Stammtisch.
- Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP and SURF-SMART.
- Build your research skills in HUM W101: Research Bootcamp.
- Apply for a FLAS award to support your language study.
- Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
- Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in HUM120: Entrepreneurship for All.
- Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program.
- Attend a cultural event at the SF Goethe-Institute.
- Apply for a leadership position in your student organization.
- Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.
- Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.
- Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program.
- Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.
- Consider a fellowship year in Germany with CBYX.

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.
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- Explore resources from the Center for German and European Studies.
- Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader.
- Work with peers and graduate students in HUM 196: Mentored-Research and Discovery Groups.
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THIRD YEAR
- Focus on upper division requirements.
- Sign up for GERMAN 102A 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.
- 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.

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.
- Practice your language skills while helping others learn in the SLC Language Exchange Program.
- Get support for your thesis project in the Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop.
- Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

Jobs and Employers
- Administrative, Eko Bionics
- Administrative, Goethe Institute
- Bundesstag Intern, DAAD
- Customer Service, Deutsche Bank
- DOY Vista, National Park Service
- Fullbright 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
- Translator, Facebook
- Translator, Google

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.