

GERMAN STUDIES MAJOR

Requirements for a Major in German Studies

Bachelor of Arts

The German Studies major consists of 11 courses, including GERM 215, 245, and 305, and completing one of the tracks in the major. Students whose initial placement is above GERM 215 may substitute another 3-hour GERM course or one from the approved list.

German Studies Major with German Language Track

This track is a good option for those seeking to develop a command of the German language through advanced language, literature, and culture courses that develop students' speaking, reading, listening, and writing skills. Students must complete the following coursework:

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
GERM 215	Intensive Intermediate German	4
GERM 245	Conversation and Film: The Context of the Two Wars	3
GERM 305	Conversation in German: Diversity in German Culture	3
GERM 495	Capstone Experience	3
Select four German literature or culture courses from the following:		12
GERM 251	Topics in German Literature	
GERM 262	Concepts of Identity in German Poetry (1650-Present)	
GERM 273	Intro to German Business Culture	
GERM 306	Conversational German	
GERM 314	Modern Drama of the German-Speaking World	
GERM 315	The German Novelle	
GERM 317	Enchanted: German Fairytales	
GERM 328	The Artificial Body in German Literature and Film	
GERM 373	Advanced Business German	
GERM 381	Special Topics	
GERM 382	Special Topics	
Complete three elective courses from the list of approved German Studies courses.		9
Study Abroad Program ¹		
Total Hours		34

¹ Students must complete a student abroad experience in a German-speaking country in Europe or a German J-Term travel course. The department encourages students to spend a full academic year or semester abroad. However, students needing accommodation should talk to the department chair for alternative options.

German Studies Major with German Studies Track

This track is a good option for those seeking an understanding of the culture and civilizations of German-speaking countries, with an emphasis on interdisciplinary coursework and perspectives. Students must complete the following coursework:

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
GERM 215	Intensive Intermediate German	4
GERM 245	Conversation and Film: The Context of the Two Wars	3
GERM 305	Conversation in German: Diversity in German Culture	3
Capstone Experience		3
Complete any 400-level GERM course		
Select two German literature or culture courses from the following:		6
GERM 251	Topics in German Literature	
GERM 262	Concepts of Identity in German Poetry (1650-Present)	
GERM 273	Intro to German Business Culture	
GERM 306	Conversational German	
GERM 314	Modern Drama of the German-Speaking World	
GERM 315	The German Novelle	
GERM 317	Enchanted: German Fairytales	
GERM 328	The Artificial Body in German Literature and Film	
GERM 373	Advanced Business German	
GERM 381	Special Topics	
GERM 382	Special Topics	
Complete five additional elective courses:		15
Electives may be chosen from the 200- and 300-level GERM courses or from the list of approved German Studies courses.		
Total Hours		34

¹ For students in the German Studies track, GERM 495 may be completed in the English language. Capstones or Senior Projects in other departments that focus on German cultures, societies, or regions may substitute for the capstone in the German Studies track with prior approval of the department chair. These projects should reflect a culmination of the student's coursework for the German Studies track.

Approved German Studies Courses

Code	Title	Hours
ARTH 223	Revolutions in 19th Century European Art	3
ARTH 224	Modern Art	3
FILM 228	The Holocaust in German and European Film	3
FLET 222	20th Century German Narrative Fiction in English Translation	3
FLET 226	The Weimar Republic	3
FLET 227	German Cinema	4
FLET 229	The Berlin Republic	3
HIST 244	19th Century Germany & Europe	3
HIST 343	The Great War in Fiction and Film	3
HONR 125	Turkish German Cinema	4
PHIL 370	19th Century European Philosophy	3
PSCI 331	European Politics	3
RELS 251	The Holocaust	3

The Requirements for Teacher Certification

To meet the Virginia Department of Education's standards for licensure in foreign language, German-education students must complete the

German Language track and the following courses and experiences at they complete the major.

- LANG 349
- a semester at an institution of higher learning in a German-speaking country or a J-term travel course offered by the German program.
- Must complete ENGL 185.
- Must complete the Education minor (<https://catalog.rmc.edu/programs/education/education-minor-secondary/>).
- EDUC 426 will substitute for GERM 495 as long as one of the placements is in a German language classroom.