

# German



WASHINGTON  
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COLLEGE

The German program of the Department of Modern Languages **develops the skills, knowledge, and qualities necessary to communicate and interact in German-speaking cultures around the world.** The German program is a **nationally recognized Center of Excellence by the AATG.** Courses range from language acquisition to literature and film, and the **major can be tailored to the cultural and career interests of the student** through independent studies, internships, and funded international opportunities.

## Major Requirements

Depending on course placement\*, students will take the following courses:

Beginner German I and II (GER 105 & 106)

Intermediate German I and II (GER 207 & 208)

Advanced German I and II (GER 309 & 310)

One course at the 300 or 400-level (Excluding Advanced German I and II [GER 309 & 310])

Three 400-level courses

Study abroad/cultural immersion experience

\*Our major is based on language proficiency: all students begin with placement into a course appropriate for their previous knowledge of German. The placement will determine their first course in the sequence.

## Minor Requirements

Depending on course placement\*, students will take the following courses:

Beginner German I and II (GER 105 & 106)

Intermediate German I and II (GER 207 & 208)

Advanced German I and II (GER 309 & 310)

One course at the 400-level

[Students who start at Advanced German I (GER 309) are not eligible to complete a minor.]

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## 400-level Course Topics

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Environmental Issues in the German Speaking World
- From Germania to Germany
- Women in German Film
- German Fairy Tales
- German Crime and Detective Fiction
- The UNCANNY in German Literature
- Witch Trials & Reformation - Early Modern German Literature and Culture
- German Poetry
- Germany 1945 to Today

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# Beyond the Classroom

Students in German have a **wide array of opportunities** for German-oriented **research, internships, conferences, and networking** beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J. Their academic achievements can help them join the **academic honor society Delta Phi Alpha** or be awarded one of **two yearly prizes**: The Richard S. Pett Academic Travel Award in Languages or The J. Adolph Schmitz Prize in Language.

## Travel Abroad and Internships

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- Semester-long stays in German-speaking countries (Berlin, Cologne, or Lüneburg, Germany, and Vienna or Graz, Austria) and year-long stays in Munich, Germany.
- Summer Magellan Projects and study abroad in German-speaking countries (any German-speaking country of your choice).
- May Term two-week travel courses led by W&J faculty with other W&J students to German-speaking countries. Destinations vary.
- Semester or year-long GER 198 internship
- Summer local or international internships available.

## Alumni Achievements

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- Legislative Assistant at the U.S. House of Representatives
- Attorney and Mayor of Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania
- German Teacher in Loudoun County, Virginia
- Manager of Customer Insights & Engagement, BMW Finance China

## Employment

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Careers after W&J include:

- Teacher Certification for German
- Medical Professions
- Lawyer
- Journalist
- Diplomat
- Professor
- International Science Researcher
- Law Enforcement
- Government Agencies
- International Business
- Banking
- Patent Attorney
- Translator

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A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College catalog.



Program Website

[washjeff.edu/german](http://washjeff.edu/german)