

GERMAN LITERATURE, CULTURE AND TRANSLATION - B.A.

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Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in German Literature, Culture and Translation provides instruction designed to develop competence in oral and written communication; insights into language form, usage and meaning; and knowledge of German literature, cultural history and contemporary issues. Additionally, students will be introduced to basic skills in German-to-English translation.

The flexibility of the major makes it easy to combine with a second major, such as History, Global Studies, Political Science or another foreign language. Combined with the Education minor, the German Literature, Culture and Translation major prepares students for multi-age (K-12) teacher licensure in Ohio.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students on the Kent Campus: The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for new freshmen.

Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses: Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75

MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE score, or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students: For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Perform language tasks at intermediate high and advanced low levels of proficiency as described by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines. Proficiency, in ACTFL terms, is understood to describe a range of qualities rather than an absolute norm and will vary according to task type, language function, topic, skill (listening, speaking, reading, writing) and so forth.
2. Contribute to most informal and some formal conversations with sufficient accuracy, clarity and precision to convey their intended message without misrepresentation or confusion.
3. Read a wide variety of texts written for native speakers of German and not edited or adapted for non-native speakers.
4. Compose routine social correspondence and write cohesive summaries, narratives and descriptions of a factual nature in German.
5. Demonstrate an historical knowledge of German history and culture and understand the diverse nature of culture throughout the ages.
6. Discuss cultural differences, distinguishing between fact, opinion and stereotypes.
7. Communicate effectively and sensitively to diverse ethnic and cultural groups.
8. View concepts, issues, events and themes from the perspectives of diverse ethnic and cultural groups.
9. Esteem diversity.
10. Maintain an ongoing assessment of their own cultural values and behaviors.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

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| Destination Kent State: First Year Experience | 1 |
| Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission. | |
| Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG) | 2 courses |
| Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core. | |
| Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR) | varies |
| Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience. | |
| Kent Core (see table below) | 36-37 |
| Writing-Intensive Course (WIC) | 1 course |
| Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course. | |
| Upper-Division Requirement | 39 (or 42) |

Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.

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| Total Credit Hour Requirement | 120 |
| Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours. | |

Kent Core Requirements

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| Kent Core Composition (KCOMP) | 6 |
| Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR) | 3 |
| Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each) | 9 |
| Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines) | 6 |
| Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory) | 6-7 |
| Kent Core Additional (KADL) | 6 |
| Total Credit Hours: | 36-37 |

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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| Prerequisite Requirements ¹ | | |
| GER 11201 | ELEMENTARY GERMAN I | |
| GER 11202 | ELEMENTARY GERMAN II | |
| GER 21201 | INTERMEDIATE GERMAN I | |
| GER 21202 | INTERMEDIATE GERMAN II | |
| Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA) | | |
| GER 31201 | INTENSIVE GERMAN GRAMMAR | 3 |
| GER 31211 | GERMAN COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION | 3 |
| GER 31215 | GERMAN PHONETICS AND DICTION | 3 |
| GER 31231 | TRANSLATION PRACTICE: GERMAN | 1 |
| GER 31303 | INTRODUCTION TO GERMAN LITERATURE | 3 |
| GER 31421 | GERMAN CIVILIZATION | 3 |
| GER 41211 | ADVANCED GERMAN COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION | 3 |
| GER 41216 | CONTEMPORARY GERMAN CULTURE (ELR) (WIC) ² | 3 |
| GER 41240 | BUSINESS AND SPECIAL TEXTS: GERMAN | 3 |
| MCLS 21417 | MULTICULTURALISM IN TODAY'S GERMANY (DIVG) | 3 |
| MCLS 30420 | FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CULTURE STUDIES | 3 |
| TRST 30230 | APPROACHES TO TRANSLATION | 3 |
| Major Electives, choose from the following: | | 6 |
| GER 31240 | CONVERSATION FOR BUSINESS AND SPECIAL PURPOSES: GERMAN | |
| GER 41095 | SPECIAL TOPICS | |
| GER 41096 | INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION | |
| GER 41230 | ADVANCED TRANSLATION PRACTICE: GERMAN (ELR) (WIC) ² | |
| GER 41330 | TWENTIETH-CENTURY GERMAN AUTHORS (ELR) (WIC) ² | |
| GER 41332 | GERMAN LITERATURE BY WOMEN | |
| GER 41334 | THE GERMAN NOVELLA | |
| GER 41338 | GERMAN POETRY | |
| GER 41340 | HISTORY OF GERMAN LITERATURE TO 1750 | |

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| GER 41341 | HISTORY OF GERMAN LITERATURE 1750 TO THE PRESENT | |
| GER 41365 | CLASSICAL GERMAN LITERATURE (ELR) (WIC) ² | |
| GER 41731 | SURVEY OF GERMAN CINEMA | |
| Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA) | | |
| UC 10097 | DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE | 1 |
| Kent Core Composition | | 6 |
| Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning | | 3 |
| Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each) | | 9 |
| Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines) | | 6 |
| Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory) | | 6-7 |
| Kent Core Additional | | 6 |
| College General Requirements (must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences) ³ | | 3 |
| College General Requirements (must be Kent Core Social Sciences) ⁴ | | 3 |
| General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours) | | 37 |
| Minimum Total Credit Hours: | | 120 |

- Students who already have some proficiency in German through high school study should take the German Placement Test prior to their first advising appointment so they can enroll in the correct course(s). Students who have completed three or four years of high school German should see a German advisor for placement. Students lacking in sufficient proficiency for the first major courses (GER 31201 and GER 31211) can reach it by taking courses in the prerequisite sequence (GER 11201, GER 11202, GER 21201 and GER 21202) based on their placement score and high school training.
- A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOL) or Physics (PHY). The course may not be from the student's major.
- One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM), Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

Graduation Requirements

| Minimum Major GPA | Minimum Overall GPA |
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- All students in the German Literature, Culture and Translation major must take the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview, ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test and the German Outcomes Assessment Test, prior to being cleared for graduation. Information about the exams can be found on the ACTFL Website and the Language Testing International (LTI) website, the exclusive licensee of ACTFL.
- Some courses in the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies are offered on a rotating basis, and course availability may

change at any time. Visit the department's website for course offering projections and advising with course planning.

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

| Semester One | | Credits |
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| UC 10097 | DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE | 1 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | General Elective | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 13 |
| Semester Two | | |
| MCLS 30420 | FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CULTURE STUDIES | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | General Elective | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Semester Three | | |
| ! GER 31201 | INTENSIVE GERMAN GRAMMAR | 3 |
| ! GER 31211 | GERMAN COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION | 3 |
| | GER 31215 GERMAN PHONETICS AND DICTION | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | General Elective | 6 |
| Credit Hours | | 18 |
| Semester Four | | |
| ! GER 31303 | INTRODUCTION TO GERMAN LITERATURE | 3 |
| ! GER 31421 | GERMAN CIVILIZATION | 3 |
| | MCLS 21417 MULTICULTURALISM IN TODAY'S GERMANY (DIVG) | 3 |
| | College General Requirement | 3 |
| | College General Requirement | 3 |
| | General Elective | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 18 |
| Semester Five | | |
| ! GER 31231 | TRANSLATION PRACTICE: GERMAN | 1 |
| ! TRST 30230 | APPROACHES TO TRANSLATION | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | General Elective | 2 |
| Credit Hours | | 12 |
| Semester Six | | |
| | GER 41216 CONTEMPORARY GERMAN CULTURE (ELR) (WIC) | 3 |
| ! | Major Elective | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | General Electives | 6 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Semester Seven | | |
| ! | GER 41211 ADVANCED GERMAN COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION | 3 |
| ! | Major Elective | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | General Electives | 6 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |

Semester Eight

Note: ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview, ACTFL Written Proficiency Test and Departmental Outcomes Assessment Test should be taken in this semester.

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| GER 41240 | BUSINESS AND SPECIAL TEXTS: GERMAN | 3 |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| | General Electives | 8 |
| Credit Hours | | 14 |
| Minimum Total Credit Hours: | | 120 |