

# GERMAN - M.A.

**College of Arts and Sciences**  
 Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies  
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## Examples of Possible Careers\*

### Foreign language and literature teachers, postsecondary

- 5.7% faster than the average
- 30,600 number of jobs
- \$69,920 potential earnings

### Interpreters and translators

- 20.0% much faster than the average
- 77,400 number of jobs
- \$52,330 potential earnings

### Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education

- 3.8% about as fast as the average
- 1,050,800 number of jobs
- \$62,870 potential earnings

### Additional Careers

- Careers with an international component (in any field, including business, science, technology, education, communication, and government)

## Contact Information

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- Chat with an Admissions Counselor

## Fully Offered

- Kent Campus

## Admission Terms

- Fall
- Spring
- Summer

**\*Note**  
 Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

## Description

The Master of Arts degree in German provides advanced education in German with emphasis on language, linguistics, literature and cultures and the latest methodologies in the teaching of German.

The German major comprises the following concentrations:

- The **Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy** concentration is intended primarily for those who are currently teaching in (or wish to teach in) elementary and secondary schools, and for those who wish to increase their effectiveness as teachers.
- The **Literature** concentration is intended for those who wish to pursue a doctorate in German literature and culture or simply increase their knowledge of German literature and culture along with their command of the German language.

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement
- A CD or MP3/wav file with a 5-10-minute oral sample in the applicant's first and second languages (conversational, not read from a script)
- Writing sample(s) in the applicant's second language, which should be accompanied by a signed declaration that the sample is original work and that the applicant received no help in its preparation. International applicants should also submit a writing sample in English
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum 77 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 58 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 Duolingo English Test score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
GER 51212	STYLISTICS	3
	Elective	3
<b>Concentrations</b>		
Choose from the following:		27-30
	Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy	
	Literature	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		33-36

## Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
GER 51216	CONTEMPORARY GERMAN CULTURE	3
MCLS 50660	METHODS OF TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES <sup>1</sup>	3
MCLS 60601	LINGUISTICS FOR THE LANGUAGE PROFESSIONS	3
MCLS 60661	THEORIES IN SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION	3
MCLS 60698	SECOND LANGUAGE RESEARCH METHODS	3
Second Language Courses		9
Literature and Culture/Civilization Electives		6
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		30

<sup>1</sup> Students who are already licensed to teach language in Ohio may, with departmental approval, substitute a graduate second-language pedagogy elective for MCLS 50660.

## Literature Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Concentration Requirements</b>		
GER 61001	GRADUATE RESEARCH AND WRITING IN GERMAN	3
GER 61199	THESIS I <sup>1</sup>	6
Electives <sup>2</sup>		18
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		27

<sup>1</sup> Students who anticipate enrolling in a Ph.D. program elsewhere after completing the M.A. are urged to write a thesis. Students who write a thesis must pass a modified comprehensive examination.

<sup>2</sup> A maximum 6 credit hours of individual investigation research may be applied toward the degree.

## Graduation Requirements

- Students in the Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy concentration must successfully complete a final project, a portfolio or a comprehensive examination. In addition, students complete an exit oral interview and an exit essay examination in German. Students are encouraged to enroll in study-abroad courses (maximum 6 credit hours) and in specialized workshops in advanced language or pedagogy (maximum 4 credit hours). Departmental permission must be obtained before enrolling in such programs.
- Students in the Literature concentration must successfully complete a comprehensive examination.