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
• Program Coordinator: Stephanie Libbon | slibbon@kent.edu | 330-672-1811
• Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Fully Offered
• Delivery: In person
• Location: Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
• Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
• Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
• 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

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Communicate in German at advanced, mid or higher proficiency level as measured by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview Test and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test.
2. Demonstrate skills in the analysis of German culture, literature and language
3. Demonstrate an ability to carry out and present research projects in their respective concentration areas

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. Applications to the Literature concentration are not being accepted at this time.

Admission Terms
• Fall
• Spring

*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.
4. Demonstrate specialized knowledge and skills in their respective concentration areas

**Program Requirements**

**Major Requirements**

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**Concentrations**

Choose from the following: 27-30

- Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy
- Literature

**Minimum Total Credit Hours:** 33-36

**Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy Concentration Requirements**

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Second Language Courses: 9

Literature and Culture/Civilization Electives: 6

**Minimum Total Credit Hours:** 30

¹ 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**

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Electives: 18

**Minimum Total Credit Hours:** 27

¹ 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.

² 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.