

# GERMAN, MINOR

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Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

## Program Description

The German minor is designed for students who want to study the language, literature, and culture of German-speaking countries in order to broaden their horizons and meet an increasing demand for people with world language skills and international expertise. German is one of the most important languages in Western Europe, being the mother tongue of approximately 100 million Europeans, and in the countries of Eastern Europe it is the most important world language of business and commerce.

The Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures offers a wide array of courses in German language, literature and culture as well as in professional and business German, allowing students great independence in shaping their own academic program. Students are encouraged to take advantage of Penn State's study abroad opportunities, which include semester and year programs in Freiburg, Berlin, and Vienna plus summer and year programs in Marburg.

The German minor opens employment opportunities for its graduates in fields and professions where proficiency in one or more world languages is desirable or required, i.e., secondary and higher education, government, business, the media, and public relations.

## What is German?

German Studies is an interdisciplinary academic sub-field of the Humanities concerned with the languages, literatures, arts, and politics of German-speaking communities in Europe and across the world (e.g., Pennsylvania Germans). In pursuing each of these areas German Studies intersects with the related fields of linguistics, literary studies, visual studies, and history, respectively.

## You Might Like This Program If...

- You are passionate about the language, literature, and arts in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and other German-speaking regions.
- You understand the critical role Germany plays in the EU and the world today.
- Your other major is in one of the numerous other fields in which knowledge of the German language and culture is advantageous, such as Comparative Literature, Philosophy, History, or Political Science.
- You are considering an academic or professional career requiring knowledge of a world language and critical thinking skills.