

# BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN GERMAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

In our rapidly changing world, communication is key to understanding other peoples and cultures. GW's German Language and Literature program examines everything from the age of Goethe and the fairy tale to business German and the Berlin Wall. While studying the language and culture of the German-speaking world, you will gain an important background into political and cultural developments—from the early modern period to the present. Our students are engaged in numerous German organizations and activities—such as the German Club to film evenings and excursions to events. At GW, the German community is not confined to the campus, it includes D.C. area partner organizations, such as the German Embassy, the Goethe-Institut, and the German Historical Society. Our graduates have been accepted to top graduate programs—some have embarked on the yearlong scholarship Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, while others have gone on to careers within the U.S. State Department, the Goethe-Institut, and the World Bank.

For more information, visit the program website. (<https://rgsll.columbian.gwu.edu/german/>)

## ADMISSIONS

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/>). Applications may be submitted via the Common Application (<https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/>).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions  
The George Washington University  
800 21st Street NW, Suite 100  
Washington DC 20052  
Contact for questions:  
[gwadm@gwu.edu](mailto:gwadm@gwu.edu) or 202-994-6040

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext>).

Program-specific curriculum:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prerequisites</b>		
One of the following options:		
Option A:		
GER 1005 & GER 1006	Intensive Beginning German I and Intensive Beginning German II	
Option B:		
GER 1001 & GER 1002	First-Year German I and First-Year German II	
GER 1003 & GER 1004	Second-Year German I and Second-Year German II	
<b>Code</b>		
<b>Title</b>		
<b>Credits</b>		
<b>Required</b>		
GER 2009 & GER 2010	Intermediate German I and Intermediate German II	
GER 2109 & GER 2110	Advanced Conversation and Composition and Germany in the Age of Globalization	
Two courses from the following:		
GER 2091 & GER 2092	Introduction to German Literature—in English I and Introduction to German Literature—in English II	
GER 2161 & GER 2162	German Culture—in English I and German Culture—in English II	
<b>Electives</b>		
Two courses from the following:		
GER 2111	Business German	
GER 2161 & GER 2162	German Culture—in English I and German Culture—in English II (if not taken above)	
GER 2165	Twentieth-Century German Literature—in English	
GER 3181	History of German Cinema—in English	
GER 3182	The Fairy Tale from the Grimms to Disney	
GER 3183	Berlin Before and After the Wall (in English)	

GER 3184	German Thought—in English
GER 3185	Literary Voices and the Fascist Experience—in English
GER 3186	German Women Writers of the 19th and 20th Centuries (in English)
GER 3187	German Cinema after 1945 (in English)
GER 3188	The Lives of East Germans (in English)
Four courses from the following:	
GER 3189	Dealing with the Communist Past in Germany and Eastern Europe
GER 4171	The Age of Goethe—in German (in German)
GER 4172	From Romanticism to Realism (in German)
GER 4173	Naturalism to Expressionism (in German)
GER 4174	Inside/Outside the Third Reich (in German)
GER 4175	Literature of two Germanies (in German)
GER 4176	Contemporary German Literature (in German)

## GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#text>), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication, or G-PAC (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/>). Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

G-PAC approved courses, Dean's Seminars, and Sophomore Colloquia that may be available for registration are listed on the CCAS Advising website (<https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-courses/>).

Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- Writing—one approved course in university writing and two approved writing in the disciplines (WID) courses.

- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical or creative thinking skills.
- Mathematics or Statistics—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- Social Sciences—two approved courses in the social sciences.

Coursework for the Columbian College general education curriculum is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved course in the arts that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or Cross-Cultural Perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Local or Civic Engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Oral Communication—one course in oral communication.

Certain courses are approved to fulfill the requirement in more than one of these categories.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC also may be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

## SPECIAL HONORS

In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations, in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors, candidates must have attained a 3.5 grade-point average in the major and at least a 3.0 average overall. Students must apply for honors candidacy by the end of the first semester of the junior year; must attain speaking proficiency at the advanced level, as measured by the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Oral Proficiency Interview; and must successfully complete an honors thesis (GER 4197 Senior Honors Thesis I–GER 4198 Senior Honors Thesis II).