

# Major In German

Students who plan to major in German are encouraged to begin their language studies as soon as they enter Washburn University, and should continue to enroll in at least one language course each semester until graduation. Learning a foreign language is a cumulative process and any period of time away from the language is highly detrimental to developing and maintaining necessary skills in the language.

In order to major in German, a student must complete 30 hours of course work beyond the 100 level. GE 101 will count as part of the total number of hours needed for graduation. GE 102 fulfills a general education requirement in the Humanities.

Students whose native language is one of those taught by the department may not enroll in or challenge 100 and 200 level courses by examination.

## Required Courses

(F)	GE 311	German Grammar Review
(S)	GE 312	German Composition
	GE 331	Introduction to German Literature
	GE 400	Senior Thesis, including Portfolio, see below (required as of 2006-07)

+ 15 hours of upper division course work (courses listed as 300 and above).

+ 9 hours of correlated courses -- These courses are intended to complement and broaden your German classes. They are selected in consultation with your advisor.

Portfolio: All German majors are required to present a portfolio after the 202 level course. They are then required to keep updating their portfolio which is then turned in as part of their grade in the GE 400 course before graduation. This has the advantage of giving the department an initial assessment as well as an outcome assessment.

All coursework for the major must be completed with a grade of "C" or better

## WTE

Students who started in 2006-07 must complete a WTE. For students in Modern Languages, the logical ones would be the International WTE or the Research WTE.

## Study Abroad

Some of the hours required to complete the major can be earned through the study abroad program. The department strongly recommends study for a period of time in a country where the foreign language is spoken as a component of the student's preparation for the major. We offer summer, semester, or year-long programs. Substantial scholarships for study abroad are available each year from the department and the International Education Committee.



## **CERTIFICATION TO TEACH**

Students who plan to teach will need to be formally admitted into the University's Teacher Education Program. All language majors preparing to teach must complete ED 368 Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages, and must take the following courses as part of their major:

GE 207 Basic German Conversation **or** GE 214 German Reading & Conversation  
GE 324 German Civilization **or** GE 326 Contemporary German & Austrian Civilization

## **Minor in German**

In order to minor in German a student must complete 18 hours of course work beyond the 100 level. (as of 2007-08) Of these 18 hours, 6 must be at the 300 level.