The German Program at DePaul offers students an extensive background in German and Austrian culture, language, and literature, and prepares them to think and work in an increasingly globalized world. German is the most widely spoken first language in the European Union, and German-speaking countries are among the most influential engines driving culture, business, and politics today. The German-speaking world is rich and multifaceted – these are the cultures of Mozart, Goethe, Freud, Kafka, and Marx – and the study of German also explores the crucial questions of memory and history particular to the German past. A degree in German from DePaul offers a broad-based humanities education with crucial skills in reading, writing, critical thinking, and intercultural communication useful for any number of pursuits after college. Several of our German students have been awarded prestigious grants and scholarships, including multiple Fulbright grants and Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange scholarships. Our graduates have gone on to pursue careers in government, business, the public humanities, scientific research, and education, both in the US and abroad, while others have enrolled in prestigious graduate programs in the humanities, medicine, and law.

The courses in DePaul’s German program give students the opportunity to attain advanced language proficiency while studying all aspects of German literature and culture. Topics of our regular GER course offerings include:

- Language and Culture
- Film
- History and Politics
- Business
- Art and Music
- Literature
- Current Events
- Translation
- Creative Writing

Students expand upon the fundamental skills learned in the German core by choosing one of three concentrations: German Studies, German Language and Literature, or Commercial German. Many German students pair German with another major, and several courses from these double majors can potentially be double-counted with the concentrations in the German major.

The German Program offers its students two study abroad options: a long-term study abroad program to Vienna, and a short-term, human rights-oriented program in Berlin. German students are encouraged to participate in one of these programs, both in order to grow linguistically and also to expand their cultural understanding of the German-speaking world and culture today. The German Program also has its own chapter of the German Honorary Society Delta Phi Alpha and is affiliated with the student-led organization DePaul Deutsch Club.

**Learning Outcomes**

Students will be able to:

- Communicate in German at the Advanced Low proficiency level.
- Analyze cultural products in German and English.
- Explain features of German and its use.
- Navigate cultural differences effectively.
- Apply their language and cross-cultural skills to other domains.

**College Core Requirements**

**Study in the Major Field**

The student’s course of study in the College consists of three parts: Liberal Studies, the major field, and electives. Together these three parts contribute to the liberal education of the student which is the common purpose of all study in the College. By “liberal education” the College understands not only a deep and thorough knowledge of a particular area of study but a knowledge of the diverse areas of study represented by criticism, history, the arts, the behavioral and social sciences, philosophy, religious studies, the natural science, and mathematics.

The major field program generally is built upon a set of core courses and a specialized “concentration.” The number of courses required for a major varies by department. Most students go beyond the minimum requirements, electing additional courses which both broaden and deepen their understanding of their chosen discipline.

Because no academic major program is built in isolation, students are required to pursue a number of electives of the student’s choice. The inherent flexibility of this curriculum demands that the student consult an academic advisor at each stage in the total program and at least once prior to each registration.

Students will be prompted to visit the College Office for their official graduation check early in their senior year.

**Declaration of Major, Minor and Concentration**

All students in the College are required to declare a major field prior to beginning their junior year. The student will then be assigned a faculty advisor in the major field department or program and should make an appointment to see that advisor at his or her earliest convenience.

Students must declare or change majors, minors, and concentrations, via Campus Connection. However, for the purpose of exploring the possibility of changing a major field, the student should consult an academic advisor in the Office for Academic Advising Support.

**The Modern Language Requirement (MLR)**

All students will be required to demonstrate competence in a modern language (i.e., a language other than English) equivalent to the proficiency attained from one year of college-level language study. This Modern Language Requirement (MLR) may be demonstrated by:

- placing into 104 or above on the DePaul language placement exam
- completing the last course or earning AP/IB credit for the last course in the first-year college sequence of any language (e.g. 103 for DePaul language classes)
- completing a college course or earning AP/IB credit for a college course beyond the first-year level in any language (e.g. 104 or above for DePaul language classes)
• completing the final course of a four-year sequence of the same modern language in high school*
• completing a proctored exam by BYU and passing the exam (see the Department of Modern Languages website for registration details)
• completing a proctored Written Proficiency Test (WPT) by Language Testing International (LTI) and achieving a score of Beginner High or above (see the Department of Modern Languages website for registration details)

*Students are strongly encouraged to take the DePaul language placement exam even if they have met the MLR via study of a language in high school. This will ensure continuation of language study at the proper level.

Please note: Modern Languages courses with an E-designation are taught in English and may not be applied to the Modern Language Requirement.

Students who complete an Inter-College Transfer (ICT) to the College will abide by the MLR in place on the effective date of the ICT, regardless of when they first matriculated at DePaul.

Students who have met the MLR and wish to pursue further work in the language may elect the “Modern Language Option” (see below).

The Modern Language Option (MLO)
The Modern Language Option is available to all BA students who wish to study a modern language beyond the level required by their College, and to all other undergraduate students without a modern language requirement who wish to study a language at any level.

Students selecting the MLO may substitute a sequence of three courses in the same language for three domain courses.

The three MLO substitutions must be made in three different domains, and any substitutions must be consistent with the principle that students complete at least one course in each learning domain.

MLO substitutions may not be used to replace requirements in the Math & Computing, and Scientific Inquiry, domains.

Students majoring in one modern language may use the Modern Language Option for study of a second language at the Intermediate level or above.

Modern Languages courses with an E-designation are taught in English and may not be applied to the Modern Language Option.

NOTE: Please contact your college/school regarding additional information and restrictions about the Modern Language Option.

External Credit and Residency
A student who has been admitted to the College begins residency within the college as of the first day of classes of the term in which the student is registered. Students in residence, whether attending on a full-time or part-time basis, may not take courses away from DePaul University without the written permission of the college. Permission must be obtained in advance of registration to avoid loss of credit or residency in the college; see the LAS website for more information.

Liberal Studies Requirements
Honors program requirements can be found in the individual Colleges & Schools section of the University Catalog. Select the appropriate college or school, followed by Undergraduate Academics and scroll down.

Learning Domains
Arts and Literature (AL) [https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/arts-and-literature/]
• 1 Course Required

Historical Inquiry (HI) [https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/historical-inquiry/]
• 2 Courses Required

Math and Computing (MC) [https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/math-and-computing/]
• 2 Courses Required
[1 CR Course and 1 SR Course]
Philosophical Inquiry (PI) ([link](https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/philosophical-inquiry/))
- 2 Courses Required

Religious Dimensions (RD) ([link](https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/religious-dimensions/))
- 2 Courses Required

Scientific Inquiry (SI) ([link](https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/scientific-inquiry/))
- 2 Courses Required
  [1 Lab Course and 1 SWK Course]

Social, Cultural, and Behavioral Inquiry (SCBI) ([link](https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/social-cultural-and-behavioral-inquiry/))
- 3 Courses Required

Notes
A student whose only major is in Modern Languages is required to complete the Capstone offered by the Department of Modern Languages (MOL). A student who is double majoring (or pursuing dual degrees) with the primary major (or primary degree) in MOL may substitute the Capstone of the secondary major or degree. An MOL major in the University Honors Program shall take only the University Honors Capstone, not both the Honors Capstone and the MOL Capstone.

Courses offered in the student’s primary major cannot be taken to fulfill LSP Domain requirements. If students double major, LSP Domain courses may double count for both LSP credit and the second major. Students who choose to take an experiential learning course offered by the major may count it either as a general elective or the Experiential Learning requirement.

In meeting learning domain requirements, no more than one course that is outside the student’s major and is cross-listed with a course within the student’s major, can be applied to count for LSP domain credit. This policy does not apply to those who are pursuing a double major or earning BFA or BM degrees.

Major Requirements
Majors in German must complete a total of 12 courses (48 quarter hours), comprised of an 8-course core at the Intermediate and Advanced levels and a 4-course concentration in “German Studies,” “German Language and Literature,” or “Commercial German.”

Core Requirements

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Open Electives
Open elective credit also is required to meet the minimum graduation requirement of 192 hours. Majors in German should select these courses in consultation with the German Program Director and Modern Languages Staff Advisor. Students can use their open electives to pursue a double major or one or more minors.

Concentrations, tracks and specializations provide focus to the major. In addition to any college core requirements, liberal studies requirements and major requirements, students are required to choose one of the following:
- Commercial German Concentration, German (BA) ([link](https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/german-ba/commercial-concentration-german-ba/))
• German Language and Literature Concentration, German (BA) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/german-ba/german-language-literature-concentration-german-ba/)
• German Studies Concentration, German (BA) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/german-ba/german-studies-concentration-german-ba/)

In addition to the German core courses, German majors must choose one of these three concentrations. Each of these concentrations allows German majors to develop their broad intercultural communicative skills through a rigorous interdisciplinary education tailored to their academic and professional interests. While the course listings for each concentration are not exhaustive, they represent a substantial sampling of courses from around the university that could be applied toward the respective concentrations. Students are encouraged to meet with the German Program Director and the MOL staff advisor upon declaration of the major and concentration in order to discuss elective course options for whichever concentration they choose. Other relevant courses may count as electives for the concentrations below with consultation/permission of the German Program Director.