



The German Major

Sample Course Plans

for Students at Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced language levels

Contact Dr. Jaclyn Kurash (kurash@pitt.edu) to create a course plan that fits your needs!

German Major: Beginning Language Example

Starting with 101!

		German Language Courses	Culture Courses (in English)	Opportunities
YEAR 1	Fall	GER 101	GER 1500-level	
	Spring	GER 102		
YEAR 2	Fall	GER 201	GER 1500-level	
	Spring	GER 202		
YEAR 3	Fall	GER 1001 or 1003	GER 1500-level	[Internship]
	Spring	1000-level + 1100-level		
YEAR 4	Fall	GER 1399 Capstone		[Honors Thesis]
	Spring	1100-level + 1200-level		

*13 Courses total if students begin with GER 101 Beginning German. All courses are 3 credits. Students permitted a maximum of 3 courses in English (at 1500-level)

German Major: Beginning Language Example with Sample Courses and Gen. Ed. Requirements

		German Language Courses	Culture Courses (in English)	Opportunities
YEAR 1	Fall	GER 101	GER 1502 Indo-European Folktales (Literature & Specific Geographic Region)	
	Spring	GER 102		
YEAR 2	Fall	GER 201	GER 1545 Nazi Culture (Diversity & Historical Analysis)	
	Spring	GER 202		
YEAR 3	Fall	GER 1001 German Writing (Writing Intensive)	GER 1542 Marx and Marxism (Philosophical Thinking or Ethics)	[Internship]
	Spring	1005 German Media (Creative Work) 1106 German Cultural History (Literature)		
YEAR 4	Fall	GER 1399 Capstone		
	Spring	GER 1108 Green Germany (Specific Geographic Region) GER 1204 German for Social Scientists 2 (Social Science)		

****Students can complete most of their Dietrich School General Education requirements with German courses!**

German Major: **Beginning Language Example** with Study Abroad (Pitt in Munich*)

		German Language Courses	Culture Courses (in English)	Opportunities
YEAR 1	Fall	GER 101		
	Spring	GER 102		
	Maymester			Pitt in Munich (equiv. of GER 201 and GER 0058 Munich, 6 credits)
YEAR 2	Fall	GER 202	GER 1500-level	
	Spring	GER 1001 or 1003		
YEAR 3	Fall	1000-level	GER 1500-level (or another	
	Spring	1100-level	1100-1400 level language course)	
YEAR 4	Fall	GER 1399 Capstone		
	Spring	1100-level + 1200-level		

***PiM** requires 1 year of college-level German or at least A2-level, and the program offers German at A2-C2 levels.

German Major: **Beginning Language Example** with Study Abroad (AJY Heidelberg Summer Prog*)

		German Language Courses	Culture Courses (in English)	Opportunities
YEAR 1	Fall	GER 101	GER 1500-level	
	Spring	GER 102		
YEAR 2	Fall	GER 201	GER 1500-level (or another 1100-1400 level language course)	AJY Heidelberg (2 Advanced language & a seminar; 9 credits)
	Spring	GER 202		
	Summer			
YEAR 3	Fall	GER 1001 or 1003	GER 1500-level (or another 1100-1400 level language course)	
	Spring	1200-1400 level		
YEAR 4	Fall	GER 1399 Capstone		[Honors Thesis]
	Spring	1100-1400 level		

*Students who have completed 202 will get the most out of the AJY Summer Program, 9 credits toward the Major or Certificate.

German Major: Intermediate Language Example

Starting with 201!

		German Language Courses	Culture Courses (in English)	Opportunities
YEAR 1	Fall	GER 201		
	Spring	GER 202		
YEAR 2	Fall	GER 1001 or 1003	GER 1500-level	
	Spring	GER 1000-level		
YEAR 3	Fall	GER 1100-level	GER 1500-level (or another 1100-1400 level language course)	[Internship]
	Spring	1200-1400-level		
YEAR 4	Fall	GER 1399 Capstone	GER 1500-level (or another 1100-1400 level language course)	
	Spring	1100-1400-level		[Honors Thesis]

- *Major requires minimum of 11 Courses / 33 credits total. All courses are 3 credits.
- Students are permitted a max. of 3 Culture courses in English (at 1500-level) but are encouraged to take as many advanced German language courses (1100-1400) as possible.

German Major: Intermediate Language Example with Sample Courses and Gen. Ed. Requirements

		German Language Courses	Culture Courses (in English)	Opportunities
YEAR 1	Fall Spring	GER 201 GER 202		
YEAR 2	Fall	GER 1001 German Writing (Writing Intensive)	GER 1501 World of Witches (Global Issues & Cross Cultural Awareness)	
	Spring	1005 German Media (Creative Work)		
YEAR 3	Fall	1106 German Cultural History (Literature)	GER 1530 Sex, Robots, Revolution: Culture of the Weimar Republic (Diversity & Specific Geographic Region)	[Internship]
	Spring	1350 German Drama (Creative Work)		
YEAR 4	Fall Spring	GER 1399 Capstone GER 1108 Green Germany (Specific Geographic Region)	GER 1506 Theories and Practices of Work (Philosophical Thinking or Ethics)	

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German Major: Intermediate Language Example with Study Abroad (Pitt in Munich*)

		German Language Courses	Culture Courses (in English)	Opportunities
YEAR 1	Fall Spring Summer	GER 201 GER 202		Pitt in Munich (equiv. of 1000-level and GER 0058 Munich, 6 credits)
YEAR 2	Fall Spring	GER 1001 or 1003 GER 1100-level	GER 1500-level (or another 1100-1400 level language course)	
YEAR 3	Fall Spring	1200-1400-level 1100-1400-level	GER 1500-level (or another 1100-1400 level language course)	[Internship]
YEAR 4	Fall Spring	GER 1399 Capstone		[Honors Thesis]

*Students can do PiM during the Maymester after their first, second, third, or fourth year at Pitt.

German Major: **Intermediate Language Example** with Study Abroad (AJY Heidelberg Summer Prog*)

		German Language Courses	Culture Courses (in English)	Opportunities
YEAR 1	Fall Spring	GER 201 GER 202		
YEAR 2	Fall Spring Summer	GER 1001 or 1003 GER 1000-level course		AJY Heidelberg (2 Advanced language & a seminar; 9 credits)
YEAR 3	Fall Spring	1200-1400 level 1100-1400 level	GER 1500-level (or another 1100-1400 level language course)	
YEAR 4	Fall Spring	GER 1399 Capstone		[Honors Thesis]

*Students can transfer up to 12 credits toward the German major and 9 credits for the Certificate.

German Major: Intermediate Language Example with Study Abroad (AJY Heidelberg Semester Prog.*)

		German Language Courses	Culture Courses (in English)	Opportunities
YEAR 1	Fall Spring	GER 201 GER 202		
YEAR 2	Fall Spring	GER 1001 or 1003 GER 1000-level course		
YEAR 3	Fall	1100-level	GER 1500-level (or another 1100-1400 level language course)	
	Spring	@ AJY Heidelberg Semester (12 credits, plan with German advisor before departure.)		[Internship]
YEAR 4	Fall Spring	GER 1399 Capstone		[Honors Thesis]

*Students can transfer up to 12 credits toward the German major and 9 credits for the Certificate.

German Major: **ADVANCED Language Example**

- Regardless of starting point, the German Major requires minimum of 11 Courses / 33 credits total. All courses must be 3 credits.
- Advanced-level students should contact Dr. Viktoria Harms for initial language placement.
- Students may substitute any 1000-1400 level course (or AP-exam Credit, or Study abroad credit) for GER 201 and 202.
- Please contact the German advisor, Dr. Jaclyn Kurash with ANY questions about the German major and/or substitutions.

		German Language Courses	Culture Courses (in English)	Opportunities
YEAR 1	Fall Spring	GER 1000-level GER 1001 or 1003		
YEAR 2	Fall Spring	GER 1100-level GER 1100-1400-level	GER 1500-level	
YEAR 3	Fall Spring	1200-1400-level 1100-1400-level	GER 1500-level (or another 1100-1400 level language course)	[Internship]
YEAR 4	Fall Spring	GER 1399 Capstone 1100-1400-level	GER 1500-level (or another 1100-1400 level language course)	[Honors Thesis]