German Studies
+ College of Arts and Sciences

Degree(s)
+ Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in German studies
+ Minor in German studies

About the Faculty
Our full-time faculty members are easily accessible to all students for academic advising. All hold doctoral degrees in their fields. Their areas of specialty include German language and literature, Medieval literature, manuscript studies and German expressionism, culture of the Weimar Republic, and performing and visual arts from the 20th and 21st centuries.

Program Overview
Students who pursue a degree in German studies at Saint Louis University are:
+ Intent on becoming conversant in German in order to enhance their global career opportunities in international and domestic business, marketing, law, translation, government service, news service, museums, the publishing industry and/or international studies.
+ Interested in gaining cultural proficiency in German, thus expanding their horizons and acquiring new perspectives with which to view their own culture.
+ Curious about language, rhetoric and communication.
+ Looking to acquire German as a tool for graduate study in history, political science, library science and countless other fields.

Both our major and minor programs involve learning German in a highly communicative atmosphere and entail a multidisciplinary approach to the history, politics, society and culture of the German-speaking world.

Saint Louis University offers German studies students opportunities for summer, semester and year-long study abroad programs that count toward degree options, especially through the department’s affiliation agreements with the University of Heidelberg and its U.S. counterpart — Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio — the University of Frankfurt and the University of Stuttgart.

Curriculum
Thirty credit hours are required for a major in German studies, and 15 are required for a minor.

German studies courses include:
+ GR 1010: Communicating in German I
+ GR 1020: Communicating in German II
+ GR 2010: Intermediate German: Language and Culture
+ GR 2980: Independent Study
+ GR 3010: Oral and Written Proficiency in German I
+ GR 3020: Oral and Written Proficiency in German II
+ GR 3200: German Culture Studies I
+ GR 3250: German Culture Studies II
+ GR 4010: Fluency in German
+ GR 4150: Berlin
+ GR 4200: Modern German Prose
+ GR 4110: Language and Linguistics
+ GR 4250: Business German
+ GR 4350: German Film
+ GR 4500: Courtly Love and Life Portrayed Through Medieval German Literature
+ GR 4550: History of the German Language
+ GR 4600: Beginning Middle High German
+ GR 4650: Wolfram von Eschenbach’s "Parzival": Gender, Race and Otherness
+ GR 4700: The Culture of the Weimar Republic
+ GR 4750: The German Press: Creating a Foreign Language Newspaper
+ GR 4930: Special Topics
+ GR 4960: Senior Inquiry: Research Project
+ GR 4980: Advanced Independent Study

The department offers students taking upper-division courses small class sizes (four to eight students), allowing for greater classroom discussion and unique learning experiences.

Learn More For course listings and more information about our faculty, visit slu.edu/x49817.xml.

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Graduate Programs
For a full listing of graduate programs, visit graduate.slu.edu.

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Admission Requirements

Freshman: All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the University’s academic requirements and to qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

Internships and Careers

Department faculty assist students in finding internships both in the St. Louis area and abroad.

Our graduates are prepared to perform in a number of rewarding careers. These include foreign service, international business and law, scientific research, social service and other areas with a cross-cultural dimension.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.