

GERMAN, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in German, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	20-23
Requirements for the Major	52-66

0-13 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 0-6 credits of GS courses; 0-3 credits of GWS courses; 0-4 credits of GQ courses.

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
GER 301	Intermediate Speaking and Listening	3
GER 302W	Intermediate Composition and Grammar	3
GER 310	Introduction to the Study of German Literature	3
GER 344	Intermediate German Culture	3
GER 401Y	Advanced Composition	3
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
GER 201 or GER 208Y	Conversation and Composition	4
GER 431	Dragons, the Divine and the Demonic: German Literature, Culture and Media--Medieval to 1750	3
or GER 432	Worlds, Wars, and the Self: German Culture from the Enlightenment to the Present	

Requirements for the Option

Requirements for the Option: Require a grade of C or better

Select an option	30-44
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Requirements for the Option Applied German Option (30 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
GER 200N	Contemporary German Culture	3
GER 399	Foreign Study--German	3
GER 499	Foreign Study--German	3
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 18 credits in related areas such as Hospitality Management, Linguistics, Applied Linguistics, Sociology, Economics, Science, Technology and Society, or in another professional area where competency in German is desirable. The courses are to be selected in consultation with an adviser. At least 6 credits of such courses must be at the 400 level.		18
Select 3 credits in German at the 300 or 400 level		3

Note: A work experience in a German-speaking country may be substituted for GER 399 or GER 499. The work experience may take the form of an internship (LA 495 or GER 495). If the number of work-experience credits for which a student registered is less than 6, the difference in the number of credits must be earned by taking additional courses in consultation with the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures.

German Business Option (44 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
ACCTG 211	Financial and Managerial Accounting for Decision Making	4
BA 301	Finance	3
BA 303	Marketing	3
BA 304	Management and Organization	3
ECON 102	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
ECON 104	Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
ENGL 202D	Effective Writing: Business Writing	3
GER 308Y	German Business Communication	3
GER 408	Advanced German Business Communications	3
IB 303	International Business Operations	3
IB 403	International Business and National Policies	3

Additional Courses

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

SCM 200 or STAT 200	Introduction to Statistics for Business Elementary Statistics	4
Select 3 credits from:		3
ECON 333	International Economics	
MGMT 461	International Management	
MKTG 445	Global Marketing	
Select an additional 3 credits of German courses at the 400 level		3

German Engineering Option (33 credits)

Open only to students enrolled in an engineering major.

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		

GER 308Y	German Business Communication	3
GER 399	Foreign Study--German	3
GER 408	Advanced German Business Communications	3
GER 499	Foreign Study--German	3

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 21 credits of engineering courses in consultation with the engineering adviser 21

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.