

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

Program Description

The B.S. degree in German is designed to allow students to combine fluency in the German language and culture with other academic disciplines. The German-Business option develops basic German business-communication skills as well as fundamental knowledge of German economics. The German-Engineering and Applied German options have a required overseas study and internship component.

Courses in German literature and culture are essential to all German B.S. options, and students in the German-Business option are encouraged to participate in the University's study abroad programs in Germany.

Applied German Option

This option is designed to provide German majors with a background in an area of study where knowledge of German is useful. In consultation with an adviser, majors in this option are required to either study abroad or do an internship that corresponds with their related area of study.

German Business Option

This option is designed to introduce German majors to the principles of business administration. The curriculum combines an exposure to managerial processes with world language competency in German.

German Engineering Option

This option is designed to combine the study of German and Engineering in order to internationalize and enhance the study and practice of the engineering profession. (Open only to students enrolled in an engineering major.)

What is German?

German Studies is an interdisciplinary academic sub-field of the Humanities concerned with the languages, literatures, arts, and politics of German-speaking communities in Europe and across the world (e.g., Pennsylvania Germans). In pursuing each of these areas German Studies intersects with the related fields of linguistics, literary studies, visual studies, and history, respectively.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are passionate about the language, literature, and arts in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and other German-speaking regions.
- You understand the critical role Germany plays in the EU and the world today.
- Your other major is in one of the numerous other fields in which knowledge of the German language and culture is advantageous, such as Comparative Literature, Philosophy, History, or Political Science.
- You are considering an academic or professional career requiring knowledge of a world language and critical thinking skills.