

MINOR IN WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES: GERMAN



MINORS MATTER: GERMAN

WHY CHOOSE A LANGUAGE MINOR?

Did you study German in high school? Wondering how to keep and grow the German skills you already have? Interested in giving yourself an edge on the job market? A Language Minor is perfect for you! Even without prior study, you can complete a German Minor in 4 years.

In a word, it's **SMART!** In their future careers, language minors will reap many benefits.

- + **SUCCESS**
- + **MARKETABILITY**
- + **ADAPTABILITY**
- + **RESPONSIBILITY**
- + **TRAVEL**

WHAT MAJORS SHOULD MINOR IN A LANGUAGE?

A language minor works for all majors. Our German minors often have majors in History, Philosophy, English, Political Science, Business Management, Accounting, Sociology, Journalism, Geography, and Elementary Education.

HOW CAN A LANGUAGE MINOR HELP ME IN MY CAREER?

Your future employer will know that you can communicate effectively, exhibit cultural sensitivity and flexibility, understand diverse lifestyles and customs, and are equipped to adapt in a fast-changing world.

WHY CHOOSE A GERMAN MINOR AT EIU?

We award credit for work you have already done.

GET CREDIT FOR PRIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDY.

You will receive up to 6 credits free of charge for language study completed in high school. Credits count toward graduation and are

applied after you complete two language courses (8 hours) at EIU. Students must begin in German 1102 (second semester German) or at the 2000-level.

GET CREDIT FOR THE SEAL OF BILITERACY.

A student who has received the State Seal of Biliteracy will receive a total of 8 credits. This is the equivalent of first semester (4 credits) and second semester (4 credits) German at EIU.

GET CREDIT FOR AP.

A score of 3 will receive credit for German 2201G Intermediate German I (4 credits). A score of 4 will receive credit for German 2201G and 2202G (8 credits). A score of 5 will receive credit for German 2201G, 2202G, and one 3000-level course (11 credits total).

YOU EVEN HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN CREDITS ABROAD.

Study for a semester at our partner schools in Germany and earn 12-16 credits. Study in historic Würzburg in the center of the beautiful Franconian wine country in southern Germany. Or study in lovely Lüneburg, located in the heathlands of northern Germany and close to the vibrant city of Hamburg. You can also choose a 4-week summer program at many other universities across Germany. Join the EIU faculty-led program *History and Memory in the New Germany* and get credit for WLG 3200 German Culture and Civilization.

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INTRIGUED BUT NOT SURE?

Intermediate German I (WLG 2201G) and Intermediate German II (WLG 2202G) fulfill your Gen Ed Humanities requirement. Check it out, decide later.

HOW MANY HOURS ARE REQUIRED?

12 hours at the upper division (3000+) level.

TYPICAL COURSE SEQUENCE:

WLG 2201G - Intermediate German I (4 hrs)

WLG 2202G - Intermediate German II (4 hrs)

UPPER DIVISION COURSES:

Take 4 courses on the 3000/4000 level for (at least) 12 hours total.

WLG 3101 - Conversation and Composition I

WLG 3102 - Conversation and Composition II

Choose two more courses from: German Culture and Civilization, Lyrics and Ballads, or from Topics courses such as German Film for Conversation, Legends and Fairy Tales, Modern Forms of Communication.

Interested in teaching? Teach our after-school enrichment program in German (WLG 3501 Languages for Young Learners) and earn 1-3 language credits towards you minor.

WHAT CLASS SHOULD I TAKE FIRST?

With 2-3 years of high school German: Most students start in WLG 2201G Intermediate German I.

With 4 years of high school German: Most students start in WLG 2202G Intermediate German II.

NEED MORE ADVICE?

E-mail our Chair, Dr. Eydtt-Beebe, for placement advice at ckeydt@eiu.edu

MORE REASONS TO CHOOSE A GERMAN MINOR AT EIU

LEARN FROM TOP FACULTY.

Our professors are fabulous, fluent, and fun. Get wowed by dynamic instructors who are dedicated to their craft.

GAIN EXPERIENCE AND CONNECT.

Teach our after-school enrichment program in German. Intern at GlobalFest and offer a session on a cultural topic of your choice. Work as a German tutor in our World Language Center.

BUILD WORLD LANGUAGE COMMUNITY.

Have a great time with fellow language lovers. We have Conversation Tables in all languages. Come to our weekly German Stammtisch at "The JAC," where students, faculty and people of the local community have fun speaking German. Enjoy German Club events and field trips. We have film nights and Honor Society events. We celebrate Mardi Gras, Karneval, Oktoberfest, Latino Heritage Month, Fiesta Latina and more.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:



"I chose to take German because my great grandparents are from Germany. I feel connected learning the language and I'm so glad I furthered my education in German. Hopefully I can work in Germany one day using the knowledge I have."

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