



## GERMAN STUDIES

- Explores the language and culture of the dominant economic power in the European Union.
- Provides the key to the rich musical heritage of Germany and Austria.
- Gives a peek into the origins of classic film when German film predominated.
- Enriches knowledge of English as a Germanic language.

## WHO MAJORS IN GERMAN STUDIES?

- Students with a strong background in German who want to combine it with a major in Spanish or French; or a minor in Russian or Japanese
- Students who want an excellent preparation in inter-cultural communication skills as well as superior analytical abilities in reading, listening, speaking, and writing
- Students who want to attend law school or pursue an MBA
- Students who are interested in teaching German along with another disciplines in secondary school
- Students interested in German Studies, Diplomatic Studies, Western European Studies, or Russian and Eastern European Studies
- Students often pair a major in German with a major in the social or natural sciences, especially but not limited to Chemistry, History, Political Science, Psychology, Environmental Studies, and Women's Studies

## STUDY ABROAD

Since the cost of studying abroad is about the same per semester as at IWU and since the financial package a student receives also applies to such study, all our students can afford to go. After completing German 202 (4th semester college German), students are eligible to take all of their courses in German while abroad. One semester or full academic year programs are possible. Program locations include:

- Berlin, in conjunction with the Humboldt Universität and possible courses at the Technische Universität;
- Freiburg, in conjunction with the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität;

- Vienna, where in addition to the Universität Wien, students can enroll in studio courses at a separate a music conservatory and art institute.

## PLACEMENT

Students who have taken two or more years of German and/or have experience living in a German-speaking country are encouraged to take the IWU advanced placement exam offered during the Fall Festival. An AP score of 4 or 5 in German will give you one unit college credit. In that case, you need not take the placement exam but should consult a German faculty

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member for placement. If you have had four years of German in high school, a typical place to start would be in German 201.

## THE GERMAN STUDIES FACULTY

- ▶ **Dr. Sonja Fritzsche**, Assistant Professor of German and Eastern European Studies, earned her Ph.D. in Germanic Studies from the University of Minnesota. She has lived and done research in Berlin, Dresden and Hamburg. In connection with her primary interests in East German literature and culture, film studies, utopian studies, and theories of the fantastic, she has published on East German popular literature. Her current project is to be entitled *Science Fiction, Literature and Film in East Germany*. She maintains an active interest in instructional technology as well. Besides courses in language, literature and culture in German, she teaches “Women and Minorities in Eastern German Culture” and “The Superwomen of Central European Fiction and Film” in English.
- ▶ **Dr. Julie Prandi**, Professor of German, who received her doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley, studied for two years at the Universität Göttingen and one year at the Universität Tübingen. She has published books on German drama and on Goethe’s world view, as well as articles on Felix Mendelssohn and Goethe, Mozart’s *Zauberflöte*, and Heine’s *Buch der Lieder*. Areas of interest include German drama, reflections of Enlightenment in German culture, and eighteenth century poetry. In addition to courses in German, she teaches the Humanities course covering the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries; and a comparative literature course, “Tales of Mystery, Horror and Humor,” which includes stories of Kafka, Kleist, Chekhov, and Maupassant.

## GERMAN STUDIES ON CAMPUS

Each year German Studies faculty and students participate in a number of events on campus and in the surrounding region. Past activities have included German theater performances, a Dada poetry artist, a field trip to the Chicago Film Festival, German dinners, a German table at noon, and a song at the annual International Carnival. Films from German-speaking countries regularly make an appearance in the University’s International Film Series. Every couple of years, we host a German exchange student who acts as a resource for our students and classes.

## RESOURCES AND FACILITIES:

German language classes, which have a computer classroom at their disposal, are enriched by a variety of authentic cultural materials. The Language Resource Center (LRC) provides easy access to learning tools, from dictionaries and atlases to videos, German magazines, and computer games. The Ames Library counts many resources in German language, literature, history and culture among its holdings as well as a librarian able to aid upper-division students with research projects.

## YOUR PROFESSIONAL FUTURE

*What can you do with a BA in German?*

As part of a Humanities degree, a major or minor in German Studies is valued by many employers as a sign of excellent communication and critical thinking skills.

*Examples of graduate work of IWU German majors:*

- ▶ Law school
- ▶ Graduate programs in Music, Psychology, Anthropology, Comparative Literature, Museum Studies
- ▶ MA degree in German/Teaching Certificate
- ▶ Seminary

*Some jobs where a German degree is valued:*

- ▶ International banking
- ▶ Business firms with German connections (i.e., Siemens, Lufthansa, Volkswagen, Porsche-Audi)
- ▶ International educational experiences (tours, courses, cruises): coordinate, market
- ▶ Facilitator of study abroad at a college
- ▶ U.S. foreign service, U.S. military
- ▶ U.S. Park Service (communicating with German-speaking tourists)
- ▶ Secondary school and higher education

*Fellowship opportunities:*

- ▶ CDC Bundestag awards provide for a year’s paid internship in Germany.
- ▶ Fulbright research or teaching awards for future teachers (a year paid as a teacher’s aid in Germany or Austria).
- ▶ German Academic Exchange grants for applied studies or internships.
- ▶ The Émigré Memorial Internship Program with German State Parliaments (internship of 1-3 months).

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about the academic program and the faculty visit our website at <http://www2.iwu.edu/german/>