Bachelor of Arts in German Language and Cultural Studies

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Summary of Degree Requirements

University Requirements:

- MATH 0701 (4 s.h.) and/or ENG 0701 (4 s.h.), if required by placement testing.
- All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses as part of the major. The specific courses required for this major are GER 3096 and GER 4296.
- Students must complete requirements of the General Education (GenEd) Program. See the General Education section of the Undergraduate Bulletin for more details.

College of Liberal Arts Requirements:

- Completion of a minimum of 123 credits, including:
  - 90 credits in CLA/CST courses;
  - 45 credits of which must be at the upper level (numbered 2000-4999).
- **Distribution Requirement for Humanities majors**: Six upper level credits must be earned in the Social Science, Science, and/or interdisciplinary subject areas. Select from the following CLA departments and programs: Africology & African American Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Asian Studies, Criminal Justice, Economics, Environmental Studies, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, Geography and Urban Studies, Global Studies, History, Jewish Studies, Latin American Studies, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies, Liberal Arts, Neuroscience (CLA), Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology, or any department in the College of Science and Technology.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0, cumulatively, in all CLA/CST coursework, and in the major department.
- Only courses in which a student receives a grade of at least C- can satisfy GenEd, major, minor, or CLA Foreign Language and Global Studies requirements.
- **Professional Development Requirement**
  - All students in the College of Liberal Arts are required to take a 1 credit seminar in professional development. CLA 1002 Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors is the appropriate course option for this major. Other courses that fulfill this requirement may be found on the CLA College Requirements page. Only one course in this category may count towards graduation.
- **Foreign Language/Global Studies Requirements**:
  - The language requirements of the German major exceed the minimum College of Liberal Arts requirements; no additional coursework is necessary for this requirement.
  - **Notes on Foreign Language Study**
    - The third level of language is numbered 1003 in French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese and numbered 2001 in all other foreign language subjects.
    - Students are strongly encouraged to take the third level of a foreign language as it is the minimum required for election to the prestigious honor society Phi Beta Kappa. (Taking the course does not guarantee admission but not taking it guarantees exclusion.)
    - See the College of Liberal Arts Policies section of this Bulletin for more information on the Foreign Language Placement, Regression in Coursework, and guidelines for students' other experiences with language.

General Electives are typically one-third of a student's program of study and can be focused on a second major, a minor, or towards some other personal enrichment or professional goals. See an academic advisor for assistance in developing an academic plan for these courses.

Major Requirements: Ten courses in German (30 credits/10 Courses)

Prerequisites: GER 1001 and GER 1002, with a minimum grade of C- or equivalent placement.

Course levels are incremental in skills and content. Courses must be taken sequentially or in some instances may be taken concurrently. Students who initially place beyond GER 1003 may begin with GER 2001 or another course at the 2000-level, as appropriate. Consult the faculty advisor for information.

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GER 3096  Composition I  3
GER 4296  Composition II  3

Select one from the following:  3
GER 3201  Culture and Civilization I
GER 3202  Culture and Civilization II

Select one German elective course at the 4000 level.  3
Select four German electives from 2000-, 3000-, and 4000-level courses (in addition to those noted above).  12

Total Credit Hours  30

1. Students who place out of GER 1003 will need one additional elective; those who place out of GER 2001 will need two additional electives.
2. Indicates writing capstone for the major.
3. Up to two upper-level courses outside of the department will count as electives if they relate to the major as approved in writing by the department advisor.

Distinction in Major

To be considered for Distinction in the German Language and Cultural Studies Major, students must:

- Complete the requirements for the concentration in German with a GPA of at least 3.50;
- Have an overall GPA of at least 3.25;
- Be recommended to the chair of the department by the German faculty advisor after consultation with the German department faculty.

Suggested Academic Plan

Please note that this is a suggested academic plan. Depending on your situation, your academic plan may look different.

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Requirements for New Students starting in the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Year 1

Fall
GER 1001  Introduction to German I [LA]  4
ENG 0802, 0812, or 0902  Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]  4
GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course [GQ]  4
GenEd Breadth Course  3

Term Credit Hours  15

Spring
GER 1002  Introduction to German II [LA]  4
IH 0851 or 0951  Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GZ]  3
GenEd Breadth Course  3
GenEd Breadth Course  3
GenEd Breadth Course  3

Term Credit Hours  16

Year 2

Fall
GER 1003  Introduction to German III [LB]  3
IH 0852 or 0952  Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]  3
CLA 1002  Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors  1
GenEd Breadth Course  3
GenEd Breadth Course  3
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College  2
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective  2

Term Credit Hours  17

Spring
GER 2001  Intermediate  3
GenEd Breadth Course  3
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One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College 3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course 3
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### Year 3

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**Spring**

Select one of the following:

- GER 3201 | Culture and Civilization I | 3
- GER 3202 | Culture and Civilization II | 3
- CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course | 3
- One 2000+ German Elective | 3
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- CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective | 3

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### Year 4

**Fall**

- One 4000 level German Elective 3
- CLA/CST 2000+ Course 3
- CLA/CST 2000+ Course 3
- CLA/CST 2000+ Course 3
- CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 3
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**Spring**

- GER 4296 | Composition II [WI] | 3
- CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 3
- CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 3
- CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective 3
- One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College 3

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