

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences  
Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures  
Bachelor of Arts  
GERMAN MAJOR  
For students graduating in the 2017 calendar year

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**German Major Requirements**

30 semester hours of coursework at the 3000 level and above, including the following courses:

- \_\_\_\_\_ GER 3105 Grammar, Composition and Conversation (3 cr.; prerequisite: 2106 or 2114)
- \_\_\_\_\_ GER 3106 Grammar, Composition and Conversation (3 cr., prerequisite: 3104 or 3105)
- \_\_\_\_\_ GER 3126\* German Oral Proficiency (3 cr.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ GER 3204 Culture of the German-Speaking Countries (3 cr., prerequisite: 3104 or 3105 or 3106)
- \_\_\_\_\_ GER 3305 Survey of German Literature (3 cr.; prerequisites: two of the following: 3105, 3106, 3204)
- \_\_\_\_\_ GER 3306 Survey of German Literature (3 cr.; prerequisites: two of the following: 3105, 3106, 3204)
- \_\_\_\_\_ GER 4154 Advanced Composition and Stylistics (3 cr.; prerequisite: 3106)
- \_\_\_\_\_ GER 4XXX\*\*/\*\* (6 cr., at least 3 of which must be in a course conducted in German; prerequisite: three courses at the 3000 level) (in addition to 4154, which is a separate requirement)
- \_\_\_\_\_ GER 3XXX-4XXX\*\*\* (elective taught in either English or German) (3 cr.)

\* Students who do not place into or out of 3126 are strongly advised to take 3125, which is designed to enable students to achieve the level of oral proficiency required for entry into 3126. For most students, the hours represented by 3125 will be in addition to the minimum of 30 hours required for the major.

\*\*Variable-content courses may be repeated for credit.

\*\*\*Major elective credit for GER courses taught in English may be awarded with the approval of the instructor and the German advisor. A maximum of two such courses may be counted for major credit.

- In-major courses: All courses listed above are considered in-major courses. A minimum grade of "C" is required in each of these courses and an average of 2.0 in all in-major courses is required for graduation.
- AP placement exam credit, IB diploma credit, or study abroad credit may be used to satisfy certain requirements for the major; please see your advisor.

Courses that do not count toward the major:

- GER 1000- and 2000-level language courses
- GER 2724 (HUM 2724): Introduction to Culture & Civilization
- GER 2964: Field Study
- GER 3125: German for Oral Proficiency
- GER 3195: German for Reading Knowledge
- GER 3196: German for Reading Knowledge
- GER 4964: Field Study

**First Year Experience (FYE) University Requirement**

\_\_\_\_\_ RLCL 1004 Investigations in Religion and Culture (3 cr.) – required unless another FYE course is completed for a second major

**Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Curriculum for Liberal Education**

1. Writing & Discourse:  
6 cr. from the University-approved curriculum list. ENGL 1105-1106, or ENGL 1204H, or COMM 1015-1016, or Advanced Placement, or other.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr.

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2. Ideas, Cultural Traditions, & Values:  
6 cr. from the University-approved curriculum list (may be German courses, or from other disciplines)

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr.

3. Society & Human Behavior:  
6 cr. from the University-approved curriculum list

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr.

4. Scientific Reasoning & Discovery:  
6 cr. From the University-approved curriculum list. [Effective July 2003, the lab requirement has been eliminated for entering classes 2003-present.]

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr.

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5. Quantitative & Symbolic Reasoning:  
6 cr. from the University-approved curriculum list.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr.

6. Creativity & Aesthetic Experience:  
3 cr. from University-approved curriculum list. (may be GER 3474 or a course from another discipline)

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr.

7. Critical Issues in Global Context:  
3 cr. from the University-approved curriculum list. May also satisfy other requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 cr.

**TOTAL CREDITS required for graduation: 120**

**GRAND TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Graduation Requirements:**

- GPA requirement to graduate is 2.0
- As a major in German, you will have completed the Foreign Language (FL) requirement at Virginia Tech:
  - Students who completed 3 years of a single FL in high school have completed the requirement.
  - Students who did not complete 3 years of a single FL in high school may complete the requirement as follows:

- Complete 2 years of a single language in high school plus 1106 or equivalent in college (these 3 hours count toward the 120 required for graduation) OR
- Complete 1105 and 1106 or equivalent in college (these 6 hours do not count toward the 120 required for graduation)

**Additional Information on Requirements:**

- Courses used to fulfill major, minor, or Curriculum for Liberal Education requirements may not be taken Pass/Fail (exception: 3125 and 3126 are only offered as Pass/Fail).
- Courses taken in a major or minor may count toward meeting the University Curriculum for Liberal Education.
- Courses can count on only one area of the curriculum. For example, TA 2014 may only count as credit in either Area 2 OR Area 6. The exception to this rule is Area 7, where a course in this area MAY count in another curriculum area. See Curriculum for Liberal Education Guide for specifics.

**Transfer Credit:**

- Although students may transfer no more than 18 of the last 45 credits of coursework, a waiver may be requested for students participating in study abroad programs. A form for "Authorization to Take Courses Elsewhere" must be filled out and signed by the student, the departmental representative, and the Director of the Office of Education Abroad before the student departs on the study abroad program.
- Those who are transferring to Virginia Tech from a two-year school can transfer only 50% of the required graduation cr. at Virginia Tech.
- Students may transfer all German credit earned abroad, but at least 25% of the German major (a minimum of 3 courses), including one of these five courses: 4154, 4304, 4314, 4324, and 4334, must be taken at Virginia Tech.

**Satisfactory Progress Toward Degree**

By the time a student majoring in German has completed 72 semester credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, credit by examination, and course withdrawal), the student must have completed satisfactorily (a "C" or better in each required course in the major) the following courses in German: 3105 or 3106, 3204, 4154 (if not offered in senior year) and one of the following: 3305, 3306.