German

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The study of German begins with a two-semester sequence depending on the student’s previous experience with the language. Students with two or more years of high school foreign language experience and who wish to continue that same language at Hanover MUST take the placement test administered by the Department of Modern Languages before enrolling in a language course. Students of German can place into 115, 116, 217, 218 or above 218.

Failure to follow the appropriate sequence may jeopardize receipt of credit.

By-pass credit opportunity: Students who place directly into 218 and who earn a grade of B or better for the course will receive credit for 217 upon application to the Registrar. In order to fulfill the LADR, these students must take an advanced level course after completing 218. Students who place above 218 and who subsequently enroll in an advanced level course and earn a grade of B or better will receive credit for the appropriate prerequisite course upon application to the Registrar. In order to fulfill the LADR, these students must take a second advanced level course.

**Major:** German courses – 218; 235; 161, 246 or 247; 431; 457 or 471 (culminating experience); four others, not including 115, 116, 217.  
Comprehensive evaluation, with passing grade. Total of 9 major courses.

**Minor:** German courses – 218; 235; 161, 246 or 247; two others, not including 115, 116, 217.; may include cognate course MS 119.  
Total of 5 minor courses

Majors and minors are encouraged to participate in an off-campus study program in a German-speaking area if at all possible.

**Ger 115. Beginning German I.** An introduction to basic modes of communication in the target language. Emphasis is on everyday language while developing speaking, listening, reading and writing as well as introducing culture(s) of the target language.

**Ger 116. Beginning German II.** A continuation of German 115. Prerequisite: Ger 115 or placement into 116.

**Ger 160. Special Topics.**

**Ger 161. The Great German Dynasties.** An examination of the rise and fall of the great dynasties of German-speaking Europe, and how they interfaced with the major social, political, religious and historical issues of their time. Partially satisfies the Modern Society LADR. May also count toward the major and minor.

**Ger 217. Intermediate German.** Reinforcement and expansion of grammatical and phonological patterns. Emphasis given to developing speaking, listening, reading and writing skills as well as study of culture(s) of the target language. Prerequisite: Ger 116 or placement into 217.

**Ger 218. Advanced Intermediate German.** Advanced study involving expansion and synthesis of knowledge and understanding of the target language and its culture(s). Prerequisite: Ger 217 or placement into 218.
**Ger 227. Off-Campus German Conversation in a Contemporary Context.** Conducted in a German-speaking country. Intensive work in oral expression, focusing on practical situations and contemporary issues, by means of a variety of texts. Prerequisite: successful completion of 217 and permission of instructor. Ger 218 is recommended. After taking Ger 227, Ger 228 cannot be taken for credit. Ger 227 may be repeated once for credit.

**Ger 228. On-Campus German Conversation in a Contemporary Context.** Intensive work in oral expression, focusing on practical situations and contemporary issues, by means of a variety of texts. Prerequisite: successful completion of 217 and permission of instructor. Ger 218 is recommended. May precede Ger 227, but may not be taken for credit after Ger 227.

**Ger 231. Business German.** German for commerce and economics, industry and labor, import and export, transportation systems, banking, and marketing. Builds reading, speaking, and writing skills, using contemporary economics and business texts and conventions. Prerequisite: successful completion of 217 and permission of instructor. Ger 218 is recommended.

**Ger 235. Stylistics and Composition.** An advanced study and written application of grammar and strategies that teach students to speak and write more idiomatically, as well as to read more fluently. Required for majors and minors. Prerequisite: Ger 218 or placement.

**Ger 240. Studies in German Literature and Culture.** A study of selected topics related to the literature and culture of Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Content may vary. May be repeated for credit once with permission of the instructor.

**Ger 242. Masterpieces of German Literature (in Translation).** Major works of German-speaking authors are examined against the background of the socio-political history of Germany, Austria and Switzerland. No prerequisite.

**Ger 246. History of the German People from the Beginnings to World War I.** A survey of events, developments, and personalities that shaped German-speaking Europe from Roman times to the early 20th century, focusing on the major political organizers: the Franks, the Stauffers, the Hapsburgs, and the Hohenzollerns; on the sociopolitical legacy of the Holy Roman Empire; on German unification and the “German question;” and on the events leading to World War I. Offered alternate years.

**Ger 247. History of Germany from 1945 to the Present.** From ruin to riches to reunification: an examination of the postwar period; of Germany’s defeat, occupation, and division; of the economic miracle and its consequences; of major forces, events, and developments leading to the second unification; and of Germany’s role in Europe. Offered alternate years.

The following courses are limited to students who have taken Ger 218 or who have been placed there through a placement examination administered by Hanover College. Acceptance into one of these courses without 218 requires SPECIAL PERMISSION of the instructor. All readings, discussions, and compositions are in German.

**Ger 260. Special Topics.**
**Ger 307. Directed Study.** .50 unit.

**Ger 325. 19th-Century German Literature.** Study of representative prose and drama of romanticism, realism, and naturalism.

**Ger 327. 20th-Century German Literature.** Study of major novelists, short story writers and playwrights from German-speaking Europe.

**Ger 357. Internship.** Off-campus supervised experience in German.

**Ger 360. Special Topics.**

**Ger 370. Directed Study.**

**Ger 431. The German Middle Ages and the Renaissance.** Survey of German literature from A.D. 1200 to 1700.
Ger 457. Academic Internship as the Culminating Experience.
Ger 465. Capstone Seminar. Course content will reflect the topic for the annual Capstone. Open to all juniors and seniors and may be repeated once for credit. Students may enroll in only one Capstone seminar in a given term.
Ger 471. Independent Study. Each student will choose a topic, carry out the necessary research and write an extensive paper in German.