Germanistik

Allgemeine Auskunft
Fünfundneunzig Millionen Europäer sprechen Deutsch als Muttersprache, und die deutsche Sprache ist eine wichtige Fremdsprache Osteuropas. Wenn Sie Deutsch als Hauptfach machen, werden Sie sich damit zahlenreiche Europäer zu verstehen und mit ihnen zu kommunizieren. Das Deutschprogramm umfasst verschiedene Kursen deutscher Sprache, Geschichte, Literatur, und Kultur.

Curriculum
Credit hours shown in parentheses.

German Major (42 credits)
Fundamentals of German I (3)
Fundamentals of German II (3)
Intermediate German (3)
Contemporary German Culture (3)
Modern Languages Seminar (3)
Twenty-seven credits of approved German courses beyond the 206 level from one of the following two options:

Option I (Two-Semester Study Abroad)
Unified Germany (3)
Readings in German Literature I (3)
Readings in German Literature II (3)
Twenty-four credits of approved German courses through the Brethren Colleges Abroad Program at Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany. Students may select among courses in grammar, literature, history, or political science. See the Department of Modern Languages for approved course descriptions.

Option II (One-Semester Study Abroad)
Unified Germany (3)
Readings in German Literature I (3)
Readings in German Literature II (3)
Eighteen credits of approved German courses through the Brethren Colleges Abroad Program at Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany. Students may select among courses in grammar, literature, history, or political science. See the Department of Modern Languages for approved course descriptions.

Lehreberufszweig
Sie können sich auch entscheiden, das Lehreberufszweig K-12 zu bekommen. Mit den Anforderungen in der Allgemeinbildung und Deutsch nehmen Sie auch verschiedene Unterricht in Pädagogik mit der praktischen Ausbildung.

German with Teaching Certification (90 credits)
Completion of the German major as listed plus the following courses
General Education Mathematics/Computer Science/Statistics (6)
American or British Literature (3)
The Teaching Profession (with Field Experience) (1)
Education and American Society (3)
Educational Psychology (3)
Secondary Learning Environments (with Field Experience) (1)
Instructional Design and Assessment for Secondary Education (3)
Foreign Language Teaching Methodology (3)
Professional Semester
Language Curriculum and Instruction (2)
Adolescent Development (3)
Professional Issues in Education (2)
Professional Issues in Education (2)
Student Teaching: Secondary (9)

German Minor (21 credits)
Intermediate German (3)
Contemporary German Culture (3)
One of the following:
Unified Germany (3)
Readings in German Literature I (3)
Readings in German Literature II (3)
Twelve additional credits from the approved list, fulfilled at Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany.

Lehrplan
Der Deutschunterricht der Universität in Deutschland umfasst Grammatik, Phonetik, Unterricht, und schriftliche Arbeit. Als Vorbereitung für das Absolvieren des Studiums in Deutschland machen Sie auch deutsche Sprache und Literatur.

Alle die Studenten, die Germanistik als Hauptfach machen, müssen mindestens ein Semester mit dem Brethren Colleges Abroad (BCA) Programm an der Philipps-Universität Marburg studieren. Der verlängerte Aufenthalt in der deutschen Kultur wird Ihnen Übung in der deutschen Sprache geben, und Sie werden ein verbessertes Verständnis der deutschen Kultur erreichen. Sie werden an dem von deutschen Professoren gegebenen Unterricht mit deutschen Studenten der Universität teilnehmen. Der Unterricht in Marburg umfasst:

• Deutschkurs
• Geschichte der deutschen Sprache
• Deutsche Literatur
• Deutsche Geschichte
• Deutsche Kultur

Nach der Promotion
Mit dem akademischen Grad in Germanistik können Sie verschiedene Karrieren in Erziehung, Übersetzung, Regierung, Bankgeschäft, Wirtschaft, oder Missionieren betreiben. Die Universitätsausbildung in Deutsch kann für eine Karriere wie der Lehrberuf erforderlich sein, oder zu anderen Bereichen führen. Sie werden auch darauf gut vorbereitet, das Studium an der Universität weiterzumachen.

Weitere Auskunft

Although majors and course requirements may change from time to time, as stated in the College Catalog, the preceding information is correct according to the 2006–2007 catalog.

“Studying abroad in Marburg was one of the best experiences of my life. I learned so much more than a language—I experienced another culture firsthand. The relationships I built, along with the things I learned about myself, are things that will last a lifetime.”
Rebecca Vogt ’08
Our Programs

The Department of Modern Languages at Messiah College offers programs of study in French, German, and Spanish languages, literatures, and cultures. The programs are designed to develop linguistic competence and critical skills as well as a profound appreciation of the culture and civilization of the French-, German-, or Spanish-speaking peoples.

The language courses provide solid preparation and practice in spoken and written areas including a thorough review of grammar and vocabulary supplemented with cultural readings and activities. The beginning courses prepare students for advanced work in literature and cultural studies while improving competence in the language. The 200-level courses cover a selection of outstanding works in various periods and genres. Some of the 200-level classes are devoted to advanced language training and afford practice in spoken and written work. Others consider the political, social, and cultural histories of the French-, German-, or Spanish-speaking people. Advanced courses deal intensively with individual authors or periods of special significance.

Students in all of the languages are encouraged to speak the language at all times. All of the classes are taught in French, German, or Spanish.

Study Abroad

To ensure linguistic and cultural proficiency, each language major spends at least one semester abroad with the Brethren Colleges Abroad Program in Ecuador, France, Germany, or Spain. Study at Messiah is supplemented with an intensive semester with the Brethren College Abroad program. Modern language students experience the richness of foreign cultures while studying in Strasbourg, France; at Philipps Universität in Marburg, Germany; in Barcelona, Spain; or in Quito, Ecuador. At all of the study abroad sites our students choose from a wide selection of courses in literature, linguistics, history, political science, and art. Residence in this program is required for one semester, and many students spend the full junior year abroad.

Careers and Vocation

Students with advanced training in modern languages and cultures have an important edge in today's increasingly international job market. They often go on to successful careers in banking and business, government and diplomacy, education, travel, the Peace Corps, mission work, telecommunications, and human services among other fields. K–12 teaching certification is also available.

Message From The Faculty

At Messiah College, the modern language faculty work hard to help students discover the world in all its complexity. Many students agree that to master a second language and to understand and have insight into the artistic and cultural heritage of other peoples of the world is integral to a liberal arts education. Yet sometimes students question, “Are these activities worthwhile and marketable?”

The source of this question rests on the assumption that success in life depends on learning how to do a specific job and then spending one's life doing it well. We would argue, on the contrary, that Christian thinkers who can adapt to new situations are in high demand. The disciplines in this department teach students how to learn in myriad ways, think creatively, speak clearly, read critically, and interact with others from around the world. Graduates who possess these skills are prepared to adapt to change. Employers repeatedly tell us, “If you teach students to think well, write persuasively, read knowledgeably, and learn a second language, we will train them for this particular job.”

Times change, but to think cogently and to express oneself well in another language are abilities that not only enrich the soul but are essential qualities in the competitive work place. We welcome you to consider spending these crucial years with us. The faculty members in this department make every effort to create a learning environment that challenges students to learn, from Messiah College professors, and from scholars around the world as well. In the study abroad experience your classes will be taught by native language faculty.

We wish you God’s best as you choose a college, and we hope that you join us at Messiah College.