Why study German at CMU?

Germany is the most financially stable and prosperous member of the European Union and the third largest economy in the world. Given Germany’s strong export market, professionals with German language skills continue to be on high demand. In addition, German is a very important language in science, literature, art, philosophy and history.

The Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures offers German courses that prepare students to find employment with multinational companies, pursue graduate study in a variety of fields and teach at the elementary, secondary and post-secondary level. Students often combine German with other academic disciplines, such as political science, psychology or music.

As you explore careers in which German is a primary or auxiliary requirement, consider these key features that distinguish CMU’s German program:

- Opportunities and scholarships for studying abroad
- Small classes taught by teachers distinguished in their fields
- Cultural and social interaction with other German students through film screenings, guest speakers and activities of the German Club and the German Honor Society (Delta Phi Alpha)
- Free tutoring in German provided by the University

Program curriculum

Students can earn a major in German through three degree programs: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Science in Education. The department also offers a minor in German.
Employers need professionals who can communicate in more than one language and understand diverse peoples and cultures. Germany’s long tradition of leadership in science, technology, and world-renowned contributions to the arts, as well as its close political and economic ties with the United States, generate a high demand for professionals with German language skills in the following areas:

- Computer Science and Engineering
- Cultural Resource Management and Arts Administration
- Foreign Service
- Government
- International Management and Marketing
- Journalism
- Teaching
- Tourism/Hospitality Specialist
- Translating/Interpreting

Study Abroad Opportunities

- Earn CMU credit while studying abroad in a special spring-semester program in Bielefeld, Germany.
- Through an exchange program supported by CMU and the Federation of German-American Clubs, German students can apply for one of three full scholarships for a year abroad at a German university.

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