

GERMAN, PH.D.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/)).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.5 GPA required for courses taken in the department; 3.00 GPA for work done in the minor.
Other Grade Requirements	If a student's GPA falls below 3.50 in any given semester, the cumulative average by the end of the following full-time semester must be 3.50.

The grade of C is considered unsatisfactory in the Department of German: it is not counted in fulfilling the course requirements and may not be offset by a grade of A or AB in another course.

An incomplete received in the fall semester must be removed by the end of the following summer session. An incomplete received in the spring semester must be removed by the end of the following fall semester. An incomplete received in the summer session must be removed within six months. Failure to meet these deadlines constitutes unsatisfactory progress.

Assessments and Examinations Students entering the program at the M.A. level are required to take the Goethe Certificate C1 (German-language proficiency) during the first year of their studies unless they are a native German speaker.

At least one substantial course contribution written in German is required each year during the entire period of a student's graduate coursework. This might be a paper or a lengthy take-home examination. If a student is taking only courses outside the department in a given year, the requirement will be waived for that year.

An oral preliminary examination and a dissertation proposal must be completed after all required Ph.D. coursework.

Language Requirements In addition to German students must demonstrate reading knowledge in a second foreign language, equivalent to at least four semesters of college work in that language, before proceeding to the preliminary examination.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate.

REQUIRED COURSES

Students who completed the M.A. in German at UW–Madison

Students who completed the M.A. in German (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/german-nordic-slavic/german-ma/#text>) at the UW–Madison must complete 8 additional GERMAN (<http://guide.wisc.edu/courses/german/>) courses numbered 500 and above for a total of 24 credits, 6 dissertator credits (GERMAN 990 or GERMAN 991), and a minimum 9 credits of a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. For the Minimum Credit Requirement, some credits from the M.A. count toward the Ph.D. to total to at least 51. For the Minimum Residence Credit Requirement, students may count courses taken while in the M.A. program, but must complete at least 19 more credits in residence as a PhD student.

Code	Title	Credits
<i>German M.A. Requirements</i>		30
Additional German 500+ courses		24
GNS 700 may also count toward this requirement.		
Dissertator credits		6
GERMAN 990	Individual Research in Literature	
GERMAN 991	Individual Research Linguistics and Germanic Philology	
Doctoral Minor or Graduate/Professional Certificate		9

Students with an outside M.A.

Students who completed the M.A. in German (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/german-nordic-slavic/german-ma/#text>) at the UW–Madison must complete 12 GERMAN (<http://guide.wisc.edu/courses/german/>) courses numbered 500 and above for a total of 36 credits, 6 dissertator credits (GERMAN 990 or GERMAN 991), and a minimum 9 credits of a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate.

Of the 12 GERMAN courses, two (6 cr) may be transferred from previous work, if suitable, including the teaching assistant training program and its academic component (GERMAN 720 College Teaching of German/GERMAN 722 Theory of Teaching German).

Code	Title	Credits
German 500+ courses		36
GNS 700 may also count toward this requirement.		
Dissertator credits		6
GERMAN 990	Individual Research in Literature	
GERMAN 991	Individual Research Linguistics and Germanic Philology	
Doctoral Minor or Graduate/Professional Certificate		9