

German

“You’ll find like-minded people in your language classes who share an interest in German culture and history – or know that the language will help them connect with over 100 million German speakers around the world. Be amazed how quickly you progress in German while having fun unraveling the mysteries of compound words and umlauts. Get ready to study or travel abroad where you’ll see castles, play soccer, dance all night, and get to eat Bratwurst and Spaetzle with your new German friends.”



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All language courses must be completed in proper sequence.

Students with a background in German are strongly encouraged to take the placement exam and be prepared to make adjustments in their course registration for the semester in accordance with the results of the exam. Language placement exams will be offered during summer orientation.

Incoming students with high school preparation should use the following as a general guideline for choosing a language course:

with 2 years of language—enroll in GERM 102

with 3 years of language—enroll in GERM 201

with 4 years of language—enroll in GERM 202

With four years or more, a student is eligible to take a **300-level course**, but must consult with the department to determine which course is most appropriate.

Below please find some examples of first semester schedules for a German major. There are many variations of a first semester schedule; the examples are just meant to help you see that there are many ways to reach the same goals.

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Example 1:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. GERM 201** - Intermediate German (3)	Major Prereq, Lang
2. COMM 205 - Public Speaking (3)	Elective, SI*
3. PHIL 151B - Introductory Logic (3)	QR
4. GEOL 111- Intro Geology with Lab (4)	NS
5. FSEM 100H – Holocaust in German and American Culture (3)	FSEM

Example 2:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. GERM 101** - Beginning German (3)	Major Prereq, Lang
2. CPSC 110** - Intro Computer Science (3)	QR
3. FSEM 100A4 - Autism in Contemporary Literature & Film (3)	FSEM
4. GEOG 102 - Intro to Human Geography (3)	HES
5. PHYD 147 - Elementary Riding (1)	Elective

Example 3: Athletes for varsity sports must register for the 400-level course of the sport. Practice times for varsity sports can vary, but generally speaking, athletes should allow for enough time to get to and from practice on weekdays from 3 - 6 p.m. Please check with the individual coach for your sport to verify specific practice times each semester.

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. GERM 393** - Adv. Grammar, Conv and Comp (3)	Major Lang
2. ARTH 114A - History of Western Art I (3)	ALPA
3. BIOL 121 - Biology Concepts I with Lab (4)	NS
4. FSEM 100A3 Writing for a Wounded Planet	HES
5. PHYD 400 - Intercollegiate Baseball - Men (1)	Elective

**Please note that not all sections of a course may have the Speaking Intensive (SI) or Writing Intensive (WI) attributes. These designations for a course are dependent on instructor and semester, and are listed in the Banner description for the semester in which you are registering.*

***This particular course is in a discipline that allows students with demonstrated competence upon admission to UMW (such as AP/IB credit, dual enrollment, etc.) to begin courses at a higher level. Talk to your Student Success Coordinator if you believe you should start at a higher level.*