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Cal Day

Come to UC Berkeley's annual **Open House** in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation

Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley **orientation** program for all new students.

Events

Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit german.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING

Students can reach the Undergraduate Advisor in 5311 Dwinelle Hall or at germanic@berkeley.edu.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

Berkeley

German

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GERMAN

Bachelor of Arts

Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The **German** major provides students with the knowledge, experience, language fluency, and analytical skills necessary to incorporate German culture and German studies into your career. The major offers a large selection of courses in literature, linguistics, philosophy, psychology, history, film, and business, along with opportunities to study abroad.

Students are challenged to gain fluency in the German language, read works by major German thinkers in their original language, and venture abroad to German-speaking countries to embrace new cultures. The German undergraduate program provides students with the language fluency, cultural knowledge, academic experience, and analytical skills necessary to attend graduate school, enter the job market, and be global citizens who are culturally aware and critical thinkers.



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“ I loved that no matter what German class I was in, the content was presented in a relevant and succinct way that somehow always connected to current events and topics. ”

– Madison Erdall, Class of 2019

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- Already have an intended major? Consider adding German as a **second major** or **minor**.
- To declare the German major or minor you must successfully complete GERMAN 2.
- Students can enroll in upper division German courses taught in English while they are starting to learn the language.
- The department also offers GERMAN 1-4 during the summer.

Please contact the Undergraduate Advisor for more information.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Showcase your German skills through cabaret performance in **GERMAN 102A**.
- Apply for a **FLAS award** to support your language study.
- Immerse yourself in German language and culture with **study abroad**.
- Enroll in the **GERMAN 113 Capstone Project** and work with a faculty member to synthesize what you have learned in the major.

Explore
your major

FIRST YEAR

Meet with your **major** and **college advisor** to discuss your academic plans.

Familiarize yourself with **major** and **college requirements**.

Enroll in **L&S 1** and an **Arts & Humanities Gateway Course**.

SECOND YEAR

Complete the **lower division prerequisite** elementary and intermediate German language course sequence and **declare the major**.

Review the major guidelines for **study abroad**.

Complement your major with a **certificate, course thread**, or **summer minor**.

THIRD YEAR

Focus on **upper division requirements**.

Sign up for **GERMAN 102A** for a performance-oriented approach to German.

Review your degree progress with your **major** and **college advisor**.

Ask your major advisor about the **German honors program**.

FOURTH YEAR

Do a **degree check** to ensure you are on track to graduate.

Synthesize what you have learned in the **GERMAN 113 Capstone Project**.

Complete any “bucket list” courses.

Finish remaining **major, college**, and **campus requirements**.

WHAT CAN I DO
WITH MY MAJOR?

Jobs and Employers

Administrative, Ekso Bionics
Administrative, Goethe Institute
Bundestag Intern, DAAD
Customer Service, Deutsche Bank
DOI/VISTA, National Park Service
Fulbright Fellow, U.S. State Dept.
Inside Sales, Applied Spectral Imaging
Manager, Wondfo
Ops. Research Analyst, Roberts Cap.
Sales & Business Dev., Oracle
Translator, Amazon
Translator, Buchenwald Memorial
Translator, Facebook
Translator, Google

Graduate Programs

Astronomy, Masters
Business, MBA
Chemistry, Masters
Comparative Literature, PhD
Education, PhD
Elementary Education, Masters
Foreign Language & Literature, MA
German, PhD
International Relations, Masters
Law, Doctoral
Linguistics, PhD
Medicine, MD
Public Administration, Masters
Public Health, Masters
Secondary School, Masters
Social Work, Masters

Examples gathered from the **First Destination Survey** of recent Berkeley graduates.

Connect
and build
community

Get 1:1 mentoring from graduate students with **Berkeley Connect** and **L&S Mentors Program**.

Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the **Student Learning Center**.

Use the resources at the **Berkeley Language Center**.

Attend **social activities** and **events** hosted by the German department.

Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.

Practice your German in a casual environment at a **Kaffeeklatsch or Stammtisch**.

Explore resources from the **Center for German and European Studies**.

Become a **Golden Bear Orientation Leader** and welcome new students to Berkeley.

Practice your language skills while helping others learn in the **SLC Language Exchange Program**.

Get support for your thesis project in the **Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop**.

Connect with **alumni groups** and build your **network** as you prepare to graduate.

Discover
your passions

Discover new interests in a **Freshman Seminar** or student-run **DeCal course**.

Visit the **Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships**.

Explore the collection of Germanic scholarly resources in the **department** and **University Library**.

Continue exploring with a **Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course** or **Discovery Course**.

Assist faculty in their research through **URAP**.

Apply for a **FLAS award** to support your language study.

Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the **Haas Scholars Program** or **SURF**.

Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in **HUM120: Entrepreneurship for All**.

Teach your own **DeCal course**.

Undertake an optional **honors thesis** or independent study.

Keep pursuing your interests through a **fellowship** or gap year after graduation.

Engage
locally and
globally

Attend the **Calapalooza** student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.

Find service opportunities through the **Public Service Center**.

Explore study, internship, and research abroad options in Germany with **Berkeley Study Abroad**.

Contribute to a community organization with an **American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course**.

Go on a service-learning trip with the **Alternative Breaks Program**.

Attend a cultural event at the **SF Goethe-Institute**.

Apply for a leadership position in your student organization.

Experience life at another UC or college on a **visitor and exchange program**.

Study and intern in Washington D.C. with **UCDC** or **Cal in the Capital**.

Hone your leadership skills with the **Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program**.

Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as **Peace Corps, Teach for America**, or **U.S. Department of State**.

Consider a fellowship year in Germany with **CBYX**.

Reflect
and plan
your future

Visit **Berkeley Career Engagement** and the **Career Counseling Library**.

Develop a plan for getting career ready.

Set up a **Handshake** account and sign up for **CareerMail**.

Explore career fields in the **Career Connections Networking Series**.

Discuss career options and goals with a **Career Educator**.

Shadow alumni during a winter **externship**.

Learn about **graduate and professional school**. Check out **Step-by-Step** for planning help.

Think about doing an **internship** and attend an **internship fair**.

Learn about **career fields** and conduct **informational interviews**.

Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.

Create or update your resume and **LinkedIn** profile.

Attend **career and graduate school fairs** and the **SF Goethe-Institute Career Day**.

Utilize **job board tools** in your job search.

Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.

Attend **Employer Info Sessions** and **On-Campus Recruiting**.

Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.