

# WHY STUDY GERMAN AT VIRGINIA TECH?

"The German program has strongly influenced my time at VT. The faculty have shared a deep interest in furthering their students' understanding of the German language and culture and have worked to create a friendly and respectful atmosphere. This extends to the many extracurricular events of the program. Holiday celebrations and weekly chats form a sense of community not found in many other programs and provide many opportunities to practice the language outside of class with other interested students and the German faculty." - **Gareth Krise, '23**

For advertised jobs in the U.S., the ability to speak German results in the highest salary of any language.

Germany is famous for its scientific and technological influence.

German companies provide 700,000 jobs in the U.S.; U.S. companies provide about the same number in Germany.

Germany has the largest economy in Europe and the 4th strongest economy worldwide.

German is the most common first language in the European Union and the 2nd most used scientific language worldwide.

German graduates work in government agencies and in areas such as foreign defense, law, data analysis, international education, and teaching.

- German major and minor
- Intensive accelerated first- and second-year courses
- Small classes
- All classes taught by faculty
- Award-winning faculty
- Individualized advising
- Study abroad and internships
- Study abroad scholarships
- German Culture Club
- Teach for Jamie
- Monthly Kaffeeklatsch
- "Careers in German" alumni speakers series
- Lectures and special events

## WHAT WE OFFER

## SAMPLE ADVANCED COURSES

- Outsiders, Deviators, Underdogs: Otherness in German Cinema
- German Ecological Thought
- Man, Monster, Machine: A Century of German Film
- Berlin, Berlin: Cultural History of a Metropolis
- Coping with the Past in German Literature, Art, and Film after 1945
- Heroes and Heroines in German Literature
- German Culture - Female Voices



## GERMAN MAJOR

**30 hours are required at the 3000 and 4000 level. Most students complete 30-36 hours.**

**Required courses:**

- 3105 and 3106 Advanced Grammar, Composition and Conversation
- 3126 Oral Proficiency
- 3204 Culture of German-Speaking Countries
- 3305 and 3306 Topics in German Culture and Literature
- 4154 Advanced Composition and Stylistics
- 4XXX Literature, Culture, or Linguistics (includes 4304, 4314, 4324, 4334)

Most German majors complete a second major as well. Many related fields offer study abroad and internship opportunities in German-speaking countries.

## GERMAN MINOR

**18 credits are required at the 2000 level (as needed) and above. Required courses:**

- 3105 and 3106 Advanced Grammar, Composition and Conversation
- Two of the following:
  - 3204 Culture of German-Speaking Countries
  - 3305 Topics in German Culture and Literature
  - 3306 Topics in German Culture and Literature
  - 3000- or 4000-level German course approved by a German advisor

"Every faculty member in the German program is welcoming, friendly, and goes far and beyond when it comes to helping their students succeed. Whenever I needed extra help on a homework assignment or needed to clarify something before an exam, the professors were always happy to help. The German faculty made one of the biggest positive impacts in my experience at VT because they stand out in comparison to other departments with their high standard of integrity and care for their students."

- Jenna Humphrey, 2020

## ACCELERATED GERMAN

We offer two **intensive 6-credit courses** - GER 1114 (equivalent to 1105 and 1106) in the spring; GER 2114 (equivalent to 2105 and 2106) in the summer. This allows students with no previous knowledge of German to begin 3000-level course work after less than a year of German study.

## STUDY ABROAD

**German majors and minors are encouraged to study, intern, or conduct research in a German-speaking country.** Faculty advisers can provide information on opportunities abroad, including the summer internship at the office of student support services at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology; funding from the German Academic Exchange Service for study and research in Germany; the Jamie Bishop Memorial Scholarship; and online language learning partnerships with German students at the Ruhr University in Bochum.



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