

**Grand Valley State University**  
**CLAS Academic Advising Center**  
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**Graduate Teacher Certification Planned Program**  
**German Major (Secondary Education)**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ SID: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer Institution(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Prerequisites:** GER 101; 102; 150 or 201 and GER 202 (if needed)

**Required Courses**

Course Number	✓	Course Name	Credits	Completed	Scheduled	Grade	Quality Points
GER 202 (if needed)		Intermediate German II	3				
GER 301		Composition	3				
GER 302		Conversation	3				
GER 495		Advanced Topics in German Capstone <sup>2</sup>	3				
GER		Any 400-level course <sup>3</sup>	3				
<b><i>At Least Two Literature Courses</i></b>							
GER 303		Introduction to German Literature I	3				
GER 304		Introduction to German Literature II	3				
GER 401		Modern German Literature	3				
GER 402		German Authors	3				
<b><i>At Least Two Culture Courses</i></b>							
GER 310		German Civilization & Culture I	3				
GER 311		German Civilization & Culture II	3				
GER 312		Contemporary German Culture	3				
GER 315		German Cinema	3				
GER 331		Business German I	3				
GER 380		German History/Culture (Summer Program)	3				
<b><i>At Least One Linguistics Course</i></b>							
GER 321		Phonetics	3				
GER 322		Introduction to German Linguistics <sup>1</sup>	3				
GER 421		History of the German Language	3				

**Total Credits needed:** 34-37

**Cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Considerations:**

<sup>1</sup>Must take GER 322 for teacher certification

<sup>2</sup>GER 495 must be taken in the last year preceding graduation and not before.

<sup>3</sup>The 400-level course is to be taken in the fall preceding the Capstone.

**Notes:**

Teacher candidates must demonstrate linguistic proficiency at the Advanced – low level in an Oral Proficiency Interview. For this reason a period of study abroad of at least one semester is strongly recommended.

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**Departmental Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Next Steps:**

1. **Apply as a degree seeking undergraduate at Grand Valley State University if you have undergraduate courses remaining before starting the GTC program. Click here for a link to the Admissions Application: <http://admissions.gvsu.edu/admissions/undergrad.asp>**
2. **If you have not already done so, you must attend a Graduate Teacher Certification workshop sponsored by the College of Education. You can schedule a time to attend by calling their Student Assistance Center at 616-331-6650.**
3. **Prior to admission to the program, you should schedule an appointment with the Graduate Teacher Certification Coordinator within the College of Education. You can schedule that appointment by calling 616-331-6650.**

The following details the information regarding the Graduate Teacher Certification Program and is taken directly from the Grand Valley State University catalog:

**Graduate Teacher Certification.** Candidates who already possess an approved baccalaureate degree may consider certification at either the undergraduate or graduate level. Because of the need for careful assessment in choosing the appropriate program, students should first contact the Student Information and Services Center to request background materials and register to attend one of the regularly scheduled information meetings. Candidates considering the graduate program must be able to undertake full-time study for approximately one calendar year.

Minimum admission requirements for the graduate certification program include:

1. Completion of the baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution at least three years prior to application with a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the final 60 semester credits.
2. Possession of completion of a teachable major with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Secondary candidates must also possess or complete a teachable minor before final certification (with a 3.0 GPA or higher).
3. Successful completion of Michigan Basic Skills Test.
4. Successful completion of Michigan Subject Area Test in teachable major.
5. Documentation of 25 hours age-appropriate experience with children or youth.
6. Current TB test report.
7. Signed statement regarding criminal activity.
8. Completion of EDT 619 Curricular Integration of Ed Technology (for elementary teachers only). Secondary take EDT 627 Technology Integration for Secondary Teachers.
9. Admission to graduate studies.
10. Completion of application materials for graduate teacher certification program.

Candidates will be eligible for Michigan Provisional Certification after they successfully complete coursework, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and complete certain additional state requirements. These requirements include the Michigan Elementary Test for elementary candidates, or the completion of a teachable minor and the Michigan Subject Area Test in the minor for secondary candidates.