

Grand Valley State University
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Teaching Endorsement Planned Program
German Major – Secondary Education

Student Name:

Date:

Email Address:

G#:

Transfer Institution(s):

The German major begins at the 300 level. Placement can be determined by previous coursework or a language placement test taken at the Language Resource Center (D-2-221 MAK; 616-331-2507). If you have not been using German regularly since any previous coursework, you are encouraged to take the language placement test or speak to a German Faculty Advisor for assistance with appropriate placement.

Study Abroad: German majors interested in teacher certification are required to study abroad for at least one semester (12-15 credits at the 300-level) in a German-language study abroad program. Program must be approved prior to study abroad by a faculty advisor in German and can be used to fulfill major requirement courses. This is applicable for students who start fall 2014 and later. Students who are unable to complete the study abroad requirement will need to complete an alternative plan approved by the German Study Abroad Committee. Please meet with a German faculty advisor as soon as possible to discuss your options. If you have previously lived or studied abroad, please contact your German faculty advisor to determine if these experiences will work to fulfill the study abroad requirement.

Key: ✓ - Completed or In Progress W - Waived Highlighted - Still Needs to be Completed

German Major – Required Courses

Course Number		Course Name	Credits	Completed	Scheduled	Grade	Quality Points
GER 301		Composition	3				
GER 302		Conversation	3				
GER 495		Advanced Topics in German Capstone ²	3				
Secondary Education Core requirements							
GER 341		Advanced German Grammar	3				
GER 322		Intro. To German Linguistics ¹	3				
GER 314		Secondary Foreign Language Teaching Methods	3				
At Least One Literature Course							
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				
At Least One Culture Course							
GER 311		German Civilization & Culture II	3				
GER 312		Contemporary German Culture	3				
GER 315		German Cinema	3				
At Least One Linguistics Course							
GER 321		Phonetics	3				
GER 421		History of the German Language	3				

Three Electives selected from either the above or the following (one must be a 400 level course³):						
GER 351 Business German		3				
GER 385 German Language		3				
GER 386 German Culture & Society		3				
GER ____						
GER ____						
GER 4__						

Total Credits needed: 36

Cumulative GPA: (3.0 GPA required for Certification)

Special Considerations:

¹Must take GER 322 for teacher certification

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

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

Requirements for German Education Students

Michigan Department of Education (2004) Standards for Foreign Language Teachers:

Teacher candidates must demonstrate a proficiency level of advanced-low in all four skill levels. This applies to major and minors.

- Reading
 - Writing
 - Listening
 - Speaking -
- } assessed on MTTC
- assessed via Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)

The MTTC covers six areas: listening comprehension, writing proficiency, reading proficiency, grammar and language comparisons, pedagogy, and culture. The MTTC should not be taken until you have completed 90% of your content area course work. Because it addresses pedagogy, GER 314, should be taken prior to taking the exam.

What does Advanced-low proficiency look like?

Advanced-level proficiency requires that students are able to participate in most informal conversations and a variety of formal conversations on topics related to school, home, leisure activities, work, and current events. They are able to narrate and describe in the past, present, and future in paragraph length discourse (combining and linking sentences). They are also able to discuss some abstract topics and support some opinions (characteristics of the superior level).

When should I take the OPI?

It is highly recommended that students complete a practice OPI before signing up for the actual test. Practice tests are administered by a department faculty member.

We also advise that students take the OPI as soon as possible upon returning from a study abroad.

To sign up for an OPI contact Autumn Gorsline-Davis gorslina@gvsu.edu 331-8554

OPI Application http://www.gvsu.edu/cms3/assets/06D23FF7-BEE1-5D088ECE85293EDD71BB/opi_application.pdf

Notes:

Substitutions, Equivalencies, and Waivers Approved By:

Date:

Prepared By:

Date:

Academic Departmental Approval (Pending Completion of Highlighted Requirements):

Date:

ENDORSEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Students may return to Grand Valley State University to obtain a post baccalaureate endorsement to append their teaching certificate by adding one or more content area endorsements. Students may choose to add any endorsement for which Grand Valley State University has approval from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). Students must meet all of the MDE requirements for an endorsement, which includes taking and passing all courses identified on the endorsement planned program (course substitutions will be permitted with prior departmental approval), meeting GVSU GPA program requirements, taking and passing the associated subject area test for the endorsement through the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification and meeting any and all other requirements, which might include, but not be limited to, a criminal background check and providing other university transcripts.

PLEASE NOTE: To be recommended to the Michigan Department of Education by Grand Valley State University to add a content area endorsement to an existing Michigan teaching certificate, the student must be certified at the appropriate level. **Six credits** of the planned program minor and **twelve credits** of the planned program major must be earned at Grand Valley. For a complete list of the content area endorsements that Grand Valley State University offers, please check out the following link to our Grand Valley State University website: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising/endorsements-87.htm>

Next Steps:

1. Apply to Grand Valley State University if you have undergraduate courses remaining. Click here for a link to the Admissions Application: <http://admissions.gvsu.edu/admissions/undergrad.asp>
2. Successfully complete all coursework
3. Successfully complete the State required test in your endorsement area:
<http://www.mttc.nesinc.com/>
4. All candidates applying for certification must initiate the certification recommendation process by self-registering in the Michigan Online Education Certification System (MOECS) at: www.michigan.gov/moeecs.
5. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended (do not resend if Grand Valley has all of your transcripts).

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