

**GERMAN-BA**[HTTPS://WWW.GVSU.EDU/MLL/GERMAN-HOME-PAGE-55.HTM](https://www.gvsu.edu/ml/german-home-page-55.htm)THIS IS A **GENERAL** CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

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**Sample Plan**

**This plan assumes students will begin in GER 201 – please consult an advisor if your initial placement is different**

**See page 2 for full breakdown of major requirements and prerequisites**

<b>Year One</b>			
<sup>1</sup> WRT 120 or General Education <sup>GE Art</sup>	3	<sup>1</sup> WRT 130 or WRT 150 (WRT Gen ed)	3/4
GER 201	4	GER 202 <sup>GE Global Perspectives</sup>	3
General Education <sup>GE Physical/Life Science with Lab</sup>	4	General Education <sup>GE Social/Behavioral #1</sup>	3
<sup>2</sup> MTH 110 or MTH 108	4/3	MTH 109 or General Education <sup>GE Philosophy and Literature</sup>	3
		<sup>3</sup> Minor or elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>14/15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15/16*</i>
<b>Year Two</b>			
GER 301	3	GER 302	3
General Education <sup>GE Math</sup>	3	GER elective (300 or 400 level)	3
General Education <sup>GE Historical Analysis</sup>	3	General Education <sup>GE US Diversity</sup>	3
Minor or elective	3	Minor or elective <sup>GE Social/Behavioral #2</sup>	3
Minor or elective	3	Minor or elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
<b>Year Three</b>			
GER elective (300 or 400 level)	3	GER elective (300 or 400 level)	3
GER elective (300 or 400 level)	3	GER elective (300 or 400 level)	3
Issues #1	3	Minor or elective	3
General Education <sup>GE SWS #1</sup>	3	General Education <sup>GE Physical/Life Science without Lab</sup>	3
Minor or elective	3	Minor or elective <sup>GE SWS #2</sup>	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>
<b>Year Four</b>			
GER elective (400 level)	3	GER 495	3
Minor course	3	Minor course	3
Minor course	3	Minor course	3
Issues #2	3	Minor or elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>

<sup>1</sup> Students who self-place into WRT 120 should take this course in the fall semester and then take WRT 130 in the winter semester of their first year. Students who self-place into WRT 150 should normally take this course in the winter semester of their first year.

Students will not need to take WRT 120/130 or WRT 150 if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment. A grade of C or better is required in WRT 130 or 150 in order to satisfy the WRT requirement at GVSU.

<sup>2</sup> Based on initial math placement, see advisor for specific details/recommendations

<sup>3</sup> Minors are encouraged; "Elective" refers to any course needed in order to reach 120 total credits, which are required to earn a degree from GVSU. Additional degree requirements include completion of all major/minor requirements, all general education requirements, at least 58 credits from a 4-year institution, and the last 30 credits of the degree completed through GVSU.

**Guide for Declaring German Major**

1. Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage
2. Once logged in select "Student", "Student Records", and then, "Change Major"
3. Click on the "Change Major 1/Program" box
4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to "New Major 1/Program," from here scroll down and choose "German -BA"
5. Click "Submit" and then "Change to New Program"

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor and an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center regularly.

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Online at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising>

German major (30 credits)	
<b>Core (9-12 credits)</b>	
— <b>GER 202 Intermediate German II (3)</b> Prerequisites: GER 201 with a grade of C or better or placement	
— <b>GER 301 Composition* (3)</b> Prerequisites: GER 202 with a grade of C or better or placement <b>*GER 302 can be taken BEFORE GER 301</b>	*Students who place into the 300-level through GVSU's language placement test, AP or CLEP credits, or consultation with an advisor from the German section must substitute GER 202 with an additional upper-level elective.
— <b>GER 302 Conversation* (3)</b> Prerequisites: GER 202 with a grade of C or better or placement	
— <b>GER 495 Advanced Topics in German (Capstone) (3)</b> Prerequisites: Senior standing with a major in German	
<b>Unless otherwise noted, the pre-requisite for all 300-level courses is GER 301 and GER 302. One may be taken concurrently as long as the other has already been completed.</b>	
<b>Electives (18-21 credits)</b>	
— <b>Elective Course GER ___ (3)</b>	— <b>Elective Course GER ___ (3)</b>
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— <b>Elective Course GER ___ (3)</b>	— <b>Elective Course GER 400 Level ___ (3)</b>
	— <b>Elective Course GER ___ (3) *If needed</b>
<b>Elective options:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GER 303 Introduction to German Literature I (3 credits)</li> <li>• GER 304 Introduction to German Literature II (3 credits)</li> <li>• GER 311 The Long Nineteenth Century (3 credits)</li> <li>• GER 312 Contemporary German Culture (3 credits)</li> <li>• GER 315 German Cinema (3 credits)</li> <li>• GER 321 Improving German Pronunciation (3 credits)</li> <li>• GER 322 Introduction to German Linguistics (3 credits)</li> <li>• GER 331 Business German (3 credits)</li> <li>• GER 341 Advanced German Grammar (3 credits)</li> <li>• GER 342 Advanced Speaking Strategies and Skills (3 credits)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GER 380 - Special Topics in German (1 to 9 credits)</li> <li>• GER 385, Study Abroad</li> <li>• GER 386 German Culture &amp; Society (3 credits)</li> <li>• GER 399 - Independent Reading (1 to 4 credits)</li> <li>• GER 401 - Modern German Literature (3 credits)</li> <li>• GER 402 - German Authors (3 credits) <i>Prerequisites for 401 and 402: Two 300-level courses beyond GER 301 and GER 302 or permission of instructor</i></li> <li>• GER 421 - History of the German Language (3 credits) <i>Prerequisites: Two 300-level courses beyond GER 301 and GER 302 or permission of instructor</i></li> <li>• GER 480 - Special Topics in German (1 to 4 credits)</li> <li>• GER 499 - Independent Study and Research (1 to 4 credits)</li> </ul>

**Study Abroad:** It is highly recommended that German majors study abroad for a semester or longer.

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#### General Education Overlap

General Education Categories fulfilled by the German major:
Global Perspectives: GER 202 if student places in GER 202 or below and student completes GER 202; students that test into 300 level will satisfy category after completion of 300 level GER course; can also be met through study abroad
Issue: Can be met through study abroad, please see the Padnos International Center for details

#### CLAS Voyage Courses

What is the CLAS Voyage? <a href="https://www.gvsu.edu/clas/voyage">https://www.gvsu.edu/clas/voyage</a> or search "GVSU CLAS Voyage"	
Experiential Learning Courses	GER 302, GER 342, GER 386
Capstone	GER 495



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