

Grand Valley State University
CLAS Academic Advising Center
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Graduate Teacher Certification Planned Program
German Major – Secondary Education (Beginning Fall '12)

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.

This planned program is based on the requirements in place for the current catalog year. You are subject to the requirements in place for the academic year when you begin to take classes, either at GVSU or elsewhere, and have eight years to complete all requirements under that specific catalog. If you do take courses elsewhere, you will need to provide GVSU with an official transcript upon completion of the courses. To confirm the courses required for completion of your academic and teaching plans, please contact the CLAS Academic Advising Center at 616-331-8585 or advstu@gvsu.edu.

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 331 Business German			3				
GER 385 German Language			3				
GER 386 German Culture & Society			3				
GER ____							
GER ____							
GER 4__							
Study Abroad		Program:	Country:			Semester completed:	

Total Credits needed: 36 **Cumulative GPA:** (3.0 GPA required for GTC Program)

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