

Grand Valley State University
CLAS Academic Advising Center
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Teaching Endorsement Planned Program
German Minor

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____ G#: _____

Transfer Institution(s): _____

The German minor 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 minors 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 minor 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

Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Completed	Scheduled	Grade	Quality Points
GER 301	Composition	3				
GER 302	Conversation	3				
GER 314	Secondary Foreign Language Teaching Methods	3				
GER 341	Advanced German Grammar	3				
GER 322	Introduction to German Linguistics	3				
<i>Choose One German Culture Course from the following</i>						
GER 311	German Civilization & Culture II	3				
GER 312	Contemporary German Culture	3				
GER 315	German Cinema	3				
<i>Choose One German literature course from the following</i>						
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				
<i>Choose two additional 300 or 400 level electives from the above or the following:</i>						
GER 321 Phonetics		3				
GER 421 History of German Language		3				
GER 331 Business German		3				
GER 341 Adv German Grammar		3				

GER 385 & 386 Study Abroad	3/3				
GER _____					
GER _____					

Total Credits needed: 27

Cumulative GPA: (3.0 GPA required for Certification)

Special Considerations:

Student may substitute 2 linguistic courses for 2 literature courses.

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: