

Requirements for a PK-12 Education Minor in German

Student's Name: _____ Advisor: _____

The PK-12 Education minor in German is designed for students seeking certification to teach German in grades PK-12. It provides a solid foundation in language proficiency, as well as cultural, literary, linguistic, and professional knowledge.

Students minoring and planning for certification in German are required to complete at least 27 hours *beyond* GER 200-Level, (GER 202) including:

- _____ GER 301 - Composition Credits: 3 cr.
- _____ GER 302 - Conversation Credits: 3 cr.
- _____ GER 322 – Introduction to German Linguistics: 3 cr.
- _____ GER 341 - Advanced German Grammar: 3 cr.
- _____ MLL 313 - Foundations of World Language Teaching (1 credit)
- _____ MLL 314 - High-Leverage Practices for World Language Teaching (3 credits)
- _____ one literature course, selected from GER 303/GER 304/GER 401/GER 402: 3 cr.
- _____ one culture course, selected from GER 311/GER 312/GER 315: 3 cr.

Elective Requirement. Two additional elective courses, selected from the literature, culture, or linguistics (GER 321/421) categories, or from study abroad (GER 385/386 or study-abroad courses from non-GVSU programs): 6 cr. Complete **two** in any of the following:

Culture Category (Do not duplicate from above)

- _____ GER 303 – Introduction to German Literature I
- _____ GER 311 – The Long Nineteenth Century
- _____ GER 312 – Contemporary German Culture
- _____ GER 315 – German Cinema

Linguistics Category

- _____ GER 421 – History of the German Language

Literature Category (Do not duplicate from above)

- _____ GER 303 – Introduction to German Literature I
- _____ GER 304 – Introduction to German Literature II
- _____ GER 401 – Modern German Literature
- _____ GER 402 – German Authors

Study Abroad

- _____ GER 385 – German Language
- _____ GER 386 – German Culture and Society

Other

- _____ GER 342 – Advanced Speaking Strategies and Skills

Because teacher candidates in German need to meet the state requirement of at least Advanced-Low in oral proficiency through an official Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) *before* admission to the College of Education, **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 an advisor from the German Department and can be used to fulfill minor requirement courses.** For students who are unable to complete this requirement due to familial, financial, or other concerns, alternatives do exist. Meet with a German advisor as soon as possible to discuss your coursework and plan study abroad.