

MINOR IN GERMAN



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Program Suspension Proposal

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Final Catalog

2026-2027 Catalog

Provide reasons for the program suspension.

Program suspension was proposed in Spring 2024 but is still in the catalog as a viable minor. Resubmitting: After the last full time faculty member in German retired in 2020, we have been having difficulty identifying and retaining qualified German instructors. We have been unable to offer UD classes for two years and beginning Fall 2024, will likely not be able to offer LD German language classes. After an unsuccessful search for a Tenure Track German professor in 2021/22 (we lost all four finalist during negotiations), we have not been granted a new search since. If granted a TT line in German in the future, we will restart the German minor.

Indicate any programmatic or fiscal impact suspension of the program will have on other academic units' programs.

None

Describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units.

None

Explain provisions to ensure currently enrollment students have a reasonable opportunity to complete the program.

We have been suggesting Study Abroad and CSU Online classes.

Indicate what resources will be freed up or shifted to other programs as the result of the program suspension.

None

Academic Group: (College)

Arts & Letters

Academic Organization: (Department)

World Languages & Literatures

Catalog Year Effective:

2026-2027 Catalog

Type of Program:

Minor

Title of the Program:

Minor in German

University Learning Goals

Program Learning Outcomes

Catalog Description:

Units required for Minor: 12 upper division units.

Program Description

Courses in German encompass the study of German language, literature, and culture. Language study begins with the imparting of the four basic language skills, namely, speaking, aural comprehension, reading, and writing. The teaching of these skills is provided as part of programs in liberal arts, in general education and in professional training, as well as a service for other degree programs.

The imparting of the basic language skills is the first and necessary step toward what is actually the liberal arts core of our curriculum: the upper division offerings. It is through the advanced language, literature, and culture courses that the students become familiar with the intricacies of another language and with the literary and cultural contributions made by the people who speak it.

Students who are considering the study of German should talk to a German faculty advisor. Each student minoring in German is assigned an advisor upon entry into the program. For assistance in obtaining an advisor, contact the Foreign Language Department office.

Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)

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Note: Students are required to meet with an advisor for course selection.

German Studies Options

No new majors are being accepted into the German BA at this time. Please consult a German Faculty Advisor for information regarding meeting subject matter certification requirements in preparation for a teaching credential and/or a special major in German with one year of study in Germany.

Additional Information

- **Residence Requirement:** Transfer students and students participating in International Programs must complete at least 6 upper-division units in German at Sacramento State.
- **Study in Germany:** Students are urged to participate in a study-abroad program through California State University International Programs.

- **Credit by Examination:** A maximum of 16 units in Foreign Language studies may be earned through examination, of which only 8 units may be in German.

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