

German Minor

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.

Students who are considering the study of German should talk to a German faculty advisor. All students minoring in German are assigned to an advisor upon entry into the program. For assistance in obtaining an advisor, contact the World Languages office in Mariposa Hall 2051.

Why Study German?

Knowledge of German provides access to a culture that for more than a millennium has been central to history, economy, arts and sciences, not just Europe, but of Western civilizations. More Americans claim German ancestry than any other, and German-speaking immigrants and their descendants have had an enduring impact on the history and culture of the United States.

German-speaking countries have some of Europe's strongest economies and are playing an increasingly important role in world affairs. Germany is home to numerous international corporations in a wide range of industries, and a world leader in green technologies. Speaking and understanding German will deepen your knowledge of the culture and improve your employment opportunities. There are also opportunities to travel to German-speaking countries via study abroad programs offered through International Programs and Global Engagement at Sac State.

German is the language of Goethe, Kafka, the Brothers Grimm, and also of Mozart, Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. For anyone interested in pursuing a career in music, philosophy, theology or art – or business, science and engineering – German is the perfect language to learn.

Program Requirements

Units required for Minor: 12 upper division units.

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

German Studies Options

Since a German BA is no longer being offered, 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.

Fall 2019 Schedule

<u>Course</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Mtg. Days</u>	<u>Start & End Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
GERM 1A (80265)	01	4	MRP 2032	MWRF	9-5:00AM	Schroeder
GERM 1A (80341)	02	4	MRP 2005	MW	6-7:50PM	Wade
GERM 1A (80880)	03	4	MRP 2032	MWRF	11-11:50AM	Schroeder
GERM 140 (81147)	01	3	EUR 102	MWF	12-12:50PM	Wade
GERM 150 (80269)	01	3	EUR 102	MWF	9-9:50AM	Wade
GERM 199 (80965)	01	1-3	N/A	N/A	N/A	Wade

Peer Language Practitioners Program (PLP)

Room: MRP 2032T

[PLP Sign-Up Form](#)

Website: www.csus.edu/plp

Email: wllsa03@csus.edu

Study Abroad & 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 always urged to participate in a study-abroad program through [International Programs & Global Engagement](#) at Sac State.
- **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.

Special Events

- [Festival of the Arts](#)
- [Interdisciplinary Conference in the Humanities](#)
- [World Language Day](#)

Faculty Bio

Dr. Marjorie D. Wade – Program Area Head



Born in Kentucky into a military family, she lived in a number of different locations, including seven years in Germany as her father completed two tours of duty. When time for another move arrived, he suggested that she apply for college even though high school graduation was still a year away.

She eventually received early acceptance to the [College of William and Mary](#) in Virginia, under the provision that her entrance exam scores were sufficient. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in European history. After graduation, Marjorie worked for the federal government for several years and eventually returned to academia and enrolled at [Duke University](#) to earn her master's degree in German. She then moved to Ann Arbor, MI., to complete a Ph.D. at the [University of Michigan](#) in Germanic Languages and Literatures.

At this point, needing financial support to do research for her dissertation, Dr. Wade applied for and received a [American Association of University Women \(AAUW\)](#) fellowship as well as a [Fulbright](#) fellowship. The awards enabled her to spend two years in Vienna, Austria to complete her research on the Holy Roman Emperor, Maximilian I (1493-1519). She was enthusiastic about the opportunity she had to study at the [University of Vienna](#) and have access to the [Österreichische Nationalbibliothek](#), which houses Maximilian's richly illustrated [Weisskunig](#). The Emperor's autobiographical work is a treasured resource of art, history and literature. After receiving her Ph.D., Dr. Wade joined the German faculty at Sac State, where she currently heads the German minor program. (Source AAUW website)



Dr. Wade (right) with colleagues at CSUS (circa 1970s)

Maria Schroeder – Part Time Faculty

Maria received her B.A. in English from Johannes-Gutenberg University and her Master of Arts in English from Sacramento State. She has taught both English and German at the high school level and has also worked for the Defense Language Institute teaching immersion courses in German. Maria is also a certified fitness instructor.