

GERMAN STUDIES (GERS)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Arts and Humanities

Abstract

The German Program of the Department of German Studies offers graduate study leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. The main focus is on Modern German Studies combining both discipline-based and interdisciplinary courses. The intellectual focus of the degrees is German-speaking Europe from the Enlightenment to the present, as represented in literary and non-literary texts, and other cultural productivity.

The degrees reflect the paradigm shift within the field of German language and literature expanding the focus of Germanistik to a broader concentration on cultural studies which include gender studies, film studies, environmental humanities, and postcolonial theory.

Financial Assistance

The German Program offers graduate fellowships and teaching assistantships, and the Graduate School offers, **on a competitive basis, fellowships, and grants.**

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Courses: GER (<https://umd-curr.courseleaf.com/graduate/courses/germ/>)S

ADMISSIONS

General Requirements

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

Program-Specific Requirements

- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- CV/Resume
- Writing Sample (one required, one more optional)
- Description of Research/Work Experience (optional)

Application Deadlines

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline	Summer Deadline
Domestic Applicants			

US Citizens and Permanent Residents	January 21, 2026	September 25, 2025	N/A
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International Applicants

F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	January 21, 2026	September 25, 2025	N/A
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RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Program Website: <http://www.slhc.umd.edu>

Application Process: gradschool.umd.edu/admissions (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/>)

REQUIREMENTS

- German Studies, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/german-literature-language-gers/german-literature-language-phd/>)
- German Studies, Master of Arts (M.A.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/german-literature-language-gers/german-literature-language-ma/>)

FACILITIES AND SPECIAL RESOURCES

In addition to its course offerings listed below, the German Program of the Department of German Studies sponsors the German Club, the University of Maryland Chapter of Delta Phi Alpha (the national German language honors society). The department participates in the University Honors Programs and has a departmental honors program. Distinguished scholars and lecturers as well as visiting professors visit the metropolitan area and campus regularly. College Park's proximity to Washington, D.C., facilitates participation in the many cultural functions of the capital with its wealth of social groups and national societies related to the German-speaking world: the Embassies of Austria, Germany, and Switzerland; the German Historical Institute, and the Goethe Institute.