

CERTIFICATE

CORE COMPETENCIES IN GERMAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE CERTIFICATE

**** 16-17 credits ****

WSU's Core Competencies in German Language & Culture certificate program encompasses the study of the German language and culture from novice to low-intermediate levels. It acknowledges that students have mastered the fundamentals of the German language and cultures. It also provides a credential to future employers or academic institutions they have engaged meaningfully in the study of an important global culture.

The certificate program can be a stand alone option or allow students to enter a German minor or German Professions additional major at WSU. It is ideal for individuals who wish to gain insight into the German language and culture or engage in areas related to Germany or the German-speaking world.

REQUIRED COURSES • ***16/17 credits in German designated courses:*

Course	Credits	Description	COURSE PRE REQ	Sem/ Yr	Grade
German 101	4	First Semester	None		
German 102	4	Second Semester	German 101		
German 203	3	Third Semester	German 102		
German 204	3	Fourth Semester	German 203		
One additional German Course from this list:	3	<i>German 110 – German Film German 120 – German Culture German 321 – Germanic Empires, Persons, Places German 420 (CAPS) – Socio-Cultural History of the German Language</i>	Varies		

*** If a student transfers in 101 and 102 from another institution, only 102 will count toward the certificate. The student will be required to take 203, 204, and TWO additional courses from the list above), totaling 16 credits.*

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING OVERALL CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

<https://catalog.wsu.edu/Pullman/Academics/Minor/3520>

1. To fulfill requirements for the certificate, a student must complete a minimum of 16/17 credits of course work in one language area.
2. No more than 4 credits earned at other institutions may apply towards the certificate and no more than 4 hours may be pass/fail. Courses earned at another institution or by AP credit will be determined by the SLCR regarding course equivalencies and allowance in the certificate. All courses must be earned with a grade of C or better or a Satisfactory with 73% or above.
3. If a student transfers 101 and 102 from another institution, only 102 will count toward the certificate in German. The student will be required to take 203, 204, and TWO additional courses from the list above (in addition to 102) totaling 16 credits.
4. The University undergraduate certificate fee will apply.
5. 105, 205, 305, 405 Conversation Courses - do not count towards the minor.
6. For courses taken in Study Abroad Programs or as other transfer credits, please check with the Foreign Languages advisor.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Communicative Proficiency:

Students will communicate in basic foreign language skills. Students will use elementary structures and vocabulary to discuss such things as daily activities, greetings, routines and habits, family, and personal interests. Students will have the skills necessary to carry on very elementary conversations in their language(s) of study.

2. Analytical Ability:

Students will create basic original thoughts in their language(s) of study. Students will gain knowledge of the structure of the language(s) and will therefore be able to use the vocabulary learned to form new thoughts and basic sentences. This ability will grow as students become more and more familiar with the structure of the language(s) of study.

3. Cultural Understanding and Acquisition of Knowledge:

Students will gain a greater understanding of and appreciation for cultures in which the language(s) of study are spoken, particularly in terms of geography, demography, and the vast differences between the target culture(s) and U.S. culture. Students will begin to think critically about the influence of other cultures on North American society as well as the global and personal connections made by learning about other cultures and peoples.

GERMAN PROGRAM WEBSITE

<https://slcr.wsu.edu/german/>

Visit the German Program website for more detailed information on Degree Options, Careers in German Studies, Internships, Study Abroad Programs (including the faculty-led Study Abroad program in Austria), and German Program faculty.

DEPARTMENTAL AP CREDIT

Starting in a course higher than 101 for your first language class at WSU? You may be eligible for departmental advanced placement credit. Check out the Departmental Advanced Placement Credits, and see the Languages advisor for details: <https://slcr.wsu.edu/advanced-placement/>

LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAM

Do you have prior language expertise, and not sure which level language class you should take? View the Foreign Language Placement Testing details at: <https://slcr.wsu.edu/placement-testing/>

STUDY ABROAD & INTERNSHIPS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!

- **Education abroad:** <https://slcr.wsu.edu/study-abroad/>; ask the School of Languages, Cultures, and Race Languages advisor for additional information and assistance.
- **Information on internships:** <https://slcr.wsu.edu/internships-and-research/>;