GERMAN MAJOR

Learning Goals and Objectives for the Major in German

Goal 1: Effective communication in the target language (TL)

Outcome 1.1: Students will narrate and describe in the TL in spoken form in all major time frames using connected discourse of paragraph length with general clarity of lexicon and a moderate level of detail.

Outcome 1.2: Students will compose written texts in the TL that summarize, evaluate or describe concrete or abstract items, notions, events or persons, in major time frames in paragraph length discourse, with a lexicon relevant to the topic.

Goal 2: Critical and interpretive thinking in the target language (TL)

Outcome 2.1: Students will interpret and analyze the main ideas, relevant facts and details about works of literary, cinematic and/or artistic expression in the target language (TL).

Outcome 2.2: Students will be able to pursue research, gather data, do analysis and report results by using TL as a tool of investigation and as a means of communication.

Goal 3: Knowledge of the target language (TL) culture(s)

Outcome 3.1: Students will be able to describe accurately in the TL with moderate detail some aspect of the TL cultures (perspectives, products, and/or practices)

Outcome 3.2: Students will compare and contrast in the target language similarities and differences between the students’ own cultures and those of the target language (TL).

Goal 4: Inclusion and diversity

Outcome 4.1: Students will articulate and defend multiple perspectives on diverse human beliefs, abilities, experiences, identities, or cultures in a global context.

General Education Overlays
See this page about Overlays (https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#overlay).

General Education Integrative Learning Component
See this page about Integrative Learning Component (https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#integrative-learning). Three courses

GEP Electives
A varying number of courses, typically nine to twelve.

Major Requirements
Requirements for the German Major are: two language courses (GRM 201-GRM 202 or higher) and eight approved courses in the language of the major at the 300 or 400 level. The German Major has become popular in combination with either a Minor or another Major in the Arts, in the Sciences, or in Business. They offer a variety of international career opportunities. All courses for the German Minor and Major concentrate on German culture, literature, film, and business. All courses are offered in German. The approval of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages is needed both for the Minor and the Major. For further details and scholarship opportunities, please contact Dr. Thomas Buckley.

German Honor Society
The department has an active chapter of Delta Phi Alpha, the National German Honor Society. Qualified students are encouraged to apply. Please contact the German faculty for more information.

Study Abroad
Students of German are strongly encouraged to participate in a study abroad program for one year, one semester or a summer in a German-speaking country either within an academic program or as an intern in a German company or other organization.

The traditional undergraduate programs include 40 courses distributed across three components: A General Education component divided into Signature Courses, Variable Courses, and an Integrative Learning requirement; a Major and Divisional component; and Free Electives. In addition to course requirements as specified in each area, students must complete one certified course in each of the following overlay areas:

1. Diversity, Globalization or Non-western Area Studies,
2. Ethics Intensive, and
3. Writing Intensive. Overlay requirements are part of the forty-course requirement.

General Education Signature Courses
See this page about Signature courses (https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#signature). Six courses

General Education Variable Courses
See this page about Variable courses (https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#variable). Six to Nine courses