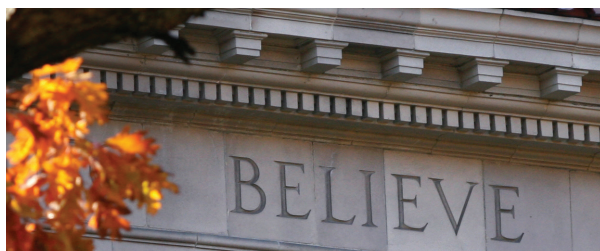


MASTER OF ARTS IN GERMAN



Why the MA in German?

The Master of Arts in German offers students the opportunity to develop professional-grade German language skills, deepen their cultural knowledge of the German world, and acquire advanced intercultural competence.

The program will help prepare you for an international career in business, government, education, journalism, research, or the non-profit sector.

The program helps meet a high demand for candidates prepared to work for international companies and organizations with specific interests in the German-speaking world.

Why the MA in German at BGSU?

BGSU's MA in German is a two-year program that offers students the unique opportunity to spend the first year of study in Salzburg, Austria. Students on our program are also encouraged to complete internships while abroad. The practical component not only enhances your learning experience, it also helps our graduate students to find jobs in a wide variety of professions that require international expertise, intercultural communication skills, and proficiency in German language and culture.

Our students carry out individualized research and are encouraged to examine different aspects of Germany, Austria, and/or Switzerland by using a wide array of interdisciplinary approaches through history, politics, culture, and/or the arts. Experiential learning, language immersion, and the ability to pursue individualized research allow students to enhance and supplement their prior expertise.

Professional opportunities

The MA in German addresses the need of professionals working for businesses or organizations with ties to a German speaking country. The EU remains the 2nd largest trading partner of Ohio (after Canada). Germany, Austria and Switzerland have powerful economies (in export numbers still outpacing even China) and many connections to Ohio. The program also prepares students for careers in education, in government, and the non-profit sector.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Dr. Edgar Landgraf, Graduate Coordinator,
College of Arts & Sciences, Department of World Language and Cultures,
at elandgr@bgsu.edu or call 419-372-9517.

Program strengths and uniqueness

- One year of linguistic and cultural immersion in Salzburg, Austria.
- A wide range of internship opportunities in Salzburg, Austria.
- Close working relationship with internationally-recognized active scholars.
- Flexibility of the program, allowing students to pursue individualized research.
- Max Kade Writer-in-Residence Program
- Preparation for a globalized world with increasing demand for proficiency in a foreign language and intercultural competence.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the MA in German, students will attain "Advanced Mid" or higher (following ACTFL guidelines) proficiency in German. Graduates will demonstrate understanding of the aesthetic qualities and socio-historical contexts of a set of representative texts from German culture. They will utilize advanced intercultural and international competence—compare and assess cultural, political, historical, economic or other similarities and differences between North America and a German speaking country.

Graduates will be able to employ different interpretive approaches to cultural, historical, political, or economic texts, and demonstrate ability to interact in professional contexts with German native speakers. Finally, graduates of BGSU's MA program in German will be able to analyze and solve real life professional problems collaboratively in a professional setting in a German speaking country.



"BGSU's MA in German program with its unique year in Salzburg helped me gain confidence and communication skills that work at home and anywhere abroad. I now manage our company's relationship with doctors in Germany, Austria, and the UK!"

— Daniel McMackin '11
pfm medical
Cologne, Germany

Admission requirements

Students must have at least a minor in German (or 20 credit hours in German or equivalent experience in the language) with a GPA of 3.0 in German.

To gain regular status admission, applicants must have a minimum 2.75 undergraduate cumulative GPA from a regionally accredited institution. Applicants with below a 2.75 may be considered for conditional admission status. Applicants are required to submit scanned copies of official or unofficial transcripts from all institutions attended. Upon admission, final official or notarized copies of transcripts from all institutions where degrees were earned and diplomas from international institutions must be submitted. Applicants are also required to submit official scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

All applicants must submit a 2-3 page statement of purpose outlining their experience with German Studies, their professional goals, and the research interests they wish to pursue. Three letters of recommendation from individuals with knowledge of the applicant's qualifications and ability to successfully complete graduate study are also required.

International applicants are also required to submit scores from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTEA), or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Successful completion of ELS 112 will also be accepted for this requirement.

Cost of tuition

Please refer to www.bgsu.edu/offices/bursar for current information on tuition and fees.

Financial assistance

Financial assistance is available for full-time students through graduate assistantships and tuition scholarships on a competitive basis. For more information, please contact the department.

Domestic students enrolled in four (4) or more credit hours are eligible to apply for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to calculate student contribution and financial need. You may apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

How to apply

Visit the BGSU Graduate College website at www.bgsu.edu/graduate/admissions.

Application deadline (w/ funding), Fall term: March 1

Application deadline (w/o funding), Fall term: July 15

Application deadline (w/o funding), Spring term: November 15

Applications for Fall and Spring are reviewed on a rolling basis upon completion. Students seeking assistantships should apply by March 1 for consideration.

Curriculum

Students in the MA in German program must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate level course work.

- 24 hrs. of coursework + 6 hrs. research; 18 hrs. at 6000 level
- A minimum of 24 hrs. credit in German
- The remaining credits may be taken in cognate areas
- A maximum of 9 hrs. transfer credit, subject to department and college approval, may count toward the degree.

Required courses

- GERM 6010: Introduction to Graduate Study (3) (offered in Salzburg)*
- One of GERM 5160: Austria Today, GERM 5200: German Linguistics (or equivalent), GERM 6030: Translation, or GERM 6150: German Culture and Civilization or GERM 6160: Contemporary Germany (or equivalent)
- GERM 6800: Seminar (or equivalent)

Electives

- GERM 5150: The German Film
- GERM 5190: The German Drama Workshop
- GERM 5450: Writer and Work
- GERM 5820: Selected Topics in German
- GERM 6700: Teaching College German
- GERM 6820: Topics in German
- GERM 6890: Internship in German
- GERM 6970: Supervised Practicum in Teaching.

Capstone Experience (3 hours minimum)

Students select between one of the following capstone experiences:

- Plan I - GERM 6990: Thesis (3 credits minimum)
- Plan II - GERM 6980: Comp Reading