Under WLC Option I, students with a concentration in German must complete at least 30 credits beyond the intermediate (GER 201 – GER 202) level.

Students electing the German Studies option may count a maximum of two of the following courses towards the major:

- GER 370 German Studies in English (3-4 cr)
- GER 371 The Holocaust in Text, Image, and Memory (3-4 cr)
- GER 375 Grimms’ Tales (3-4 cr)
- GER 378 German Film and Media Studies (3-4 cr)

A. German Studies Required Core Courses (22 credits):

- GER 301 Reading: Problems of the Early Twentieth Century (3 cr)
- GER 302 Composition (3 cr)
- GER 304 German for Business and Professions (3 cr)
- GER 305 Conversation: The City in Contemporary Europe (3 cr)
- GER 320 Germany Today (3 cr)
- GER 330 German Literature and Culture (3 cr)
- GER 476 Topics in German Cultural Studies (3-4 cr)

B. Electives:

The remaining 8 credits may be chosen from the following courses:

Repeatable course:
- GER 330 German Literature and Culture (3 cr)

Study Abroad and Internship option:
- GER 499 Internship in German (1-3 cr)

Courses taught in English (up to 8 credits applicable towards major; majors must enroll for 4 credits):

- GER 370 German Studies in English (3-4 cr)
- GER 371 The Holocaust in Text, Image, and Memory (3-4 cr)
- GER 375 Grimms’ Tales (3-4 cr)
- GER 378 German Film and Media Studies (3-4 cr)

C. Study Abroad:

The department strongly recommends that all students of German participate in an approved study abroad program based in a German-speaking country. Credit from an approved study abroad program may be applied to the major.

Curricular Notes:

GER 330 German Literature and Culture may be repeated once for major credit when offered with a different topic (6 cr. total). GER 476 Topics in German Cultural Studies is required for the WLC major option in German Studies. Majors must enroll in GER 476 for 4 credits.

Majors choosing the German Studies option may select two additional courses for 4 cr. from the following:

- GER 370 German Studies in English (3-4 cr)
- GER 371 The Holocaust in Text, Image, and Memory (3-4 cr)
- GER 375 Grimms’ Tales (3-4 cr)
- GER 378 German Film and Media Studies (3-4 cr)

Placement and Prerequisites:

Students who have had German before coming to Iowa State should take the on-line placement test available on our website: German Placement Exam
They should note the result of the test and bring it to the department advisor, Ruxandra Looft, 515-294-7570. They will then help determine placement in the program.

**English Proficiency Requirements:**

Degree-seeking students must earn a grade of C- or better in a sequence of English composition courses (ISUCComm). The department will certify continuing English proficiency for students who receive a C or better in a WLC or Classical Studies course numbered 370-379. German majors are encouraged to fulfill the continuing English Proficiency Requirement by completing a 370-379 course in another language area. Such a course will also fill an LAS Group I (Arts and Humanities) requirement. German majors may not use German 370-379 or German 476 in Group I.

**Reminder to Native Speakers:**

Students with native fluency in German are not eligible to enroll in German 301, 302 or 305. They should consult with the WLC advising coordinator, Ruxandra Looft, 515-294-7570, before enrolling in German classes.

**Internships:**

Students who are interested in academic credit for an internship in a German-speaking country (Ger 499), should consult with the academic advisor (Ruxandra Looft, 515-294-7570). Students must secure both a faculty advisor here at Iowa State as well as an on-site supervisor for the internship. In order to receive academic credit, an internship contract must be approved by the WLC Internship Coordinator prior to the internship.

**Study Abroad Opportunities:**

Iowa State offers students of German several options for study abroad. For information concerning current opportunities, contact Mark Rectanus at (515) 294-4324 or the Study Abroad Center at (515) 294-6792. Iowa State students are also eligible to participate in the ISEP Exchange Program in Germany for one semester or for an entire academic year. Students may choose to study an extensive variety of courses at six well-known German universities. Further details on course offerings, cost, and application procedures are available from the Study Abroad Center.

**Teacher Education:**

Students who wish to qualify for certification to teach German in the secondary schools should request additional information from Dr. Linda Quinn Allen and/or check the requirements on-line.