

GERMAN

THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The 30-credit MINOR program gives students majoring in another discipline a valid and adequate background in language studies. Courses offered include translation, civilization and German for business purposes. If you are unsure about your level of placement in the language courses, please see the Undergraduate Class Schedule for procedures, and our web site for placement tests. Please feel free to contact the Department for verification.

PLACEMENT

To find out whether or not you should take a language placement test and how to access the tests, please visit the link below:

<https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/cml/language-placement/german>

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Students should be aware that the misrepresentation of one's linguistic background and abilities is considered a form of *Academic Misconduct* and, as such, will be treated as a *Code Violation* by the Department of Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics.

*Admission for Honours and Major suspended for 2025 - 2026

60 BA Honours in German*

12 GERM 240⁶, or 241³ and 242³; 256³, 257³

24 GERM 271³, 301³, 302³, 306³, 307³, 308³, 365³, 366³

21 Credits chosen from 400-level courses in German, of which at least six credits, must be from GERM 405³, 406³, 461³, 462³

3 GERM 490³

NOTE: Students with advanced placement must replace the 200-level language courses with 300- or 400-level courses offered within the same program.

42 BA Major in German*

12 GERM 240⁶, or 241³ and 242³; 256³, 257³

15 Credits chosen from GERM 271³, 301³, 302³, 306³, 307³, 308³, 365³, 366³

15 Credits chosen from 400-level courses in German, of which at least six credits, must be from GERM 405³, 406³, 461³, 462³

NOTE: Students with advanced placement must replace the 200-level language courses with 300- or 400-level courses offered within the same program.

30 Minor in German Studies

12 Credits chosen from GERM 200⁶, or 201³ and 202³; 240⁶, or 241³ and 242³

6 Credits chosen from GERM 230³ or 231³ or from courses higher than 242

9 Credits chosen from related disciplines in consultation with the Department; some example courses in related disciplines include HIST 235³; PHIL 374³, 385³, 485³, 486³; RELI 235³, 331³. Additional GERM courses may qualify to meet this requirement.

3 Credits chosen from 400-level courses in German

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2025 – 2026 OFFERED COURSES

[For a full list of GERM courses, visit the UG Calendar.](#)

THE DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TRANSFER A STUDENT TO A HIGHER-LEVEL LANGUAGE COURSE IF IT IS DEEMED THAT THE COURSE FOR WHICH THE STUDENT HAS REGISTERED IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THE EXTENT OF HIS OR HER KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANGUAGE.

GERM 200 Introductory German: Intensive Course (6 credits)

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to most of the basic elements of the German language for the student with no knowledge of German. Practice is provided through short readings, conversation, composition, and lab work. *NOTE: Students who have received credit for GERM 201, 202, or equivalent may not take this course for credit. NOTE: This course covers the same material as GERM 201 and 202.*

GERM 201 Introductory German I (3 credits) This course provides an introduction to the elements of the German language for the student with no knowledge of German. Practice is provided through short readings, conversation, composition, and lab work. *NOTE: Students who have received credit for GERM 200 or equivalent may not take this course for*

GERM 202 Introductory German II (3 credits) Prerequisite: The following course must be completed previously: GERM 201 with a grade of C or higher. This course is a continuation of GERM 201 and completes the study of the basic elements of the German language. Practice is provided through short readings, conversation, composition, and lab work. *NOTE: Students who have received credit for GERM 200 or equivalent may not take this course for credit.*

GERM 240 Intermediate German: Intensive Course (6 credits)

Prerequisite: The following course must be completed previously: GERM 200 or GERM 202 with a grade of C or higher. This course provides a review of German grammar in a single term and furnishes additional details not dealt with in the introductory courses. Practice is provided through readings, discussions, and composition. *NOTE: Students who have received credit for GERM 241, 242, or equivalent may not take this course for credit. NOTE: This course covers the same material as GERM 241 and 242.*

GERM 241 Intermediate German I (3 credits) Prerequisite: The following course must be completed previously: GERM 200 or GERM 202 with a grade of C or higher. This course provides a review of German grammar and deals with additional details not covered in the introductory courses. Practice is provided through short readings, discussions, and composition. *NOTE: Students who have received credit for GERM 240 or equivalent may not take this course for credit.*

GERM 242 Intermediate German II (3 credits)

Prerequisite: The following course must be completed previously: GERM 241 with a grade of C or higher. This course is a continuation of GERM 241. It completes the review of the grammar and includes additional details not covered in the introductory courses. Practice is provided through short readings, discussions, and composition. *NOTE: Students who have received credit for GERM 240 or equivalent may not take this course for credit.*

GERM 305 (also listed as GERM 298) Conversational German (3 credits) Prerequisite: GERM 240 or GERM 242 or equivalent. This course is offered to non-native speakers of German. Its main goal is for students to improve their oral proficiency in German. This course aims to increase students' competence levels in listening, reading, and writing. *NOTE: Students who have received credit for GERM 270 or 370 may not take this course for credit.*

GERM 306 Introduction to Translation (3 credits)

Prerequisite: GERM 240 or 242. This course examines German and English grammar in a comparative context in order to provide a basis for translation between the two languages. It also aims to develop lexical and semantic knowledge of the German language through analysis of textual materials, with special focus on words and idiomatic expressions that are essential to clear and effective communication. Students translate short texts from a variety of fields, primarily from English to German.

GERM 398 (also listed as GERM 498) Echoes of History: German Art and Literature after 1945 (3 credits). This course explores Germany's complex and evolving relationship with its history since the end of the Nazi regime in 1945. It focuses on how German artists—through literature, film, and visual art—have addressed the horrors of the past and their effects on contemporary German identity. The course examines several historical contexts, including the devastation of the post-war period, the dynamics of the Cold War, and the student movements that advocated for social justice and the reunification of Germany. Through critical analysis and close readings, students will gain insights into how collective memory is constructed and represented. The language of instruction is English, and no prior knowledge of the German language is required.

GERM 410 Cyborgs, Robots and Automata in German Literature, Film and Video Games

(3 credits). This course examines the figure of the android and explores representations of artificial beings in German literature, cinema, and video games. A focus is on issues of technology, art, gender, race, and class. Students receive insights into narrative constructions as well as ludology (including game history, design and reception) by exploring how video games challenge traditional models of understanding and approaching texts. The language of instruction is English, and no prior knowledge of the German language is required. Advanced-level students — i.e. students placed at the 300 level or higher in German language courses — must do the readings and submit their work in German.

GERM 498 (also listed as GERM 398) Echoes of History: German Art and Literature after 1945 (3 credits). This course explores Germany's complex and evolving relationship with its history since the end of the Nazi regime in 1945. It focuses on how German artists—through literature, film, and visual art—have addressed the horrors of the past and their effects on contemporary German identity. The course examines several historical contexts, including the devastation of the post-war period, the dynamics of the Cold War, and the student movements that advocated for social justice and the reunification of Germany. Through critical analysis and close readings, students will gain insights into how collective memory is constructed and represented. The language of instruction is English, and no prior knowledge of the German language is required. Advanced-level students — i.e. students placed at the 300 level or higher in German language courses — must do the readings and submit their work in German.

For full program information, please consult the Undergraduate Calendar, which remains the only legally binding document on all programs and requirements at Concordia.

<https://www.concordia.ca/academics/undergraduate/german-minor.html>

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Concordia International, in collaboration with the various faculties and the School of Graduate Studies, administers student ex- change and internships with Concordia's partner universities and other institutions of higher learning around the world. This ex-change enhances relationships between the people and cultures of different countries and promotes international education.
<http://www.concordia.ca/offices/ci.html>

CAREER AND PLACEMENT SERVICES (CAPS)

For degree-work related information, you may also want to contact the Career and Placement Services (CAPS) at Concordia. It provides assistance and advice regarding job searches and information on the job market and it facilitates access to summer, part-time, internship and entry-level positions. This is an ideal service to find jobs related to a particular field of study. CAPS is located at 2070 Mackay, office AN 109 and can be reached by phone at extension 7345.

CONCORDIA GERMAN LANGUAGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (CGLSA)

Is an organization that promotes the German language and the German, Swiss and Austrian culture within Concordia University. Although, we cater mainly to German speakers or students studying German, we encourage and invite all students from different backgrounds to join our social and academic events. For more information, please email cglsa@asfa.ca

For more information or to arrange an appointment for academic advising

Location: FB-1030

Email: sandra.woywod-page@concordia.ca

Website: <https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/cml.html>

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PLACEMENT TEST

To access the language placement tests:

1. LOG IN to the Moodle portal at <https://hub.concordia.ca/students/courses/moodle.html> using your Concordia net name and password. Your Moodle courses are listed within the *My Moodle Courses* section of your portal front page. If you do not see "CMLL Language Placement Tests", click on "Home" followed by "All courses ..."
2. Choose the "Placement Tests (1)" course in the list. The course is located under the following category: Arts & Science → Classics, Modern Languages & Linguistics → Placement Tests. Alternatively, you can scroll to the bottom of the page and type "CMLL Language Placement Tests" in the search box.
3. Click on "CMLL Language Placement Tests". If an enrollment key/password is required, please enter "ghtrg45tgrhe5e6u".
4. Locate the appropriate placement test on the course home page.

