



Rename the Bachelor of Arts in “Germanic Studies” to “German Studies” (PCC 20035)

PRESENTED BY Valerie Orlando, Chair, Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee

REVIEW DATES SEC – November 18, 2020 | SENATE – December 8, 2020

VOTING METHOD In a single vote

RELEVANT POLICY/DOCUMENT N/A

NECESSARY APPROVALS Senate, President, University System of Maryland Chancellor, and Maryland Higher Education Commission

ISSUE

The School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (SLLC), within the College of Arts and Humanities, proposes to rename its Bachelor of Arts in “Germanic Studies” to “German Studies.” The new name aligns with how bachelor’s programs in German are titled at peer institutions. Additionally, the new name more accurately reflects the expertise of the existing faculty and the content of the existing curriculum, which focuses on German studies as opposed to the broader Germanic studies, which includes the literatures and cultures of Scandinavia. The program has no plans to rehire in the field of Scandinavian literature and culture in the future.

No other changes to the program are proposed at this time.

This proposal was approved by the Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses committee on November 6, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses recommends that the Senate approve this name change.

COMMITTEE WORK

The committee considered this proposal at its meeting on November 6, 2020. Julie Koser, from the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, and Ralph Bauer, from the College of Arts and Humanities, presented the proposal and answered questions from the committee. The proposal was approved by the committee.

ALTERNATIVES

The Senate could decline to approve this program name change.

RISKS

If the Senate declines to approve this new name, the university will lose an opportunity to reflect more accurately content of the program as well as the faculty expertise in the German area of the SLLC.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant financial implications with changing the name of the academic program. No other aspects of the program are changing.

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In Workflow

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History

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Changes proposed by: Julie Koser (jkoser)

Proposed Action

Rename Program

Program Name

German Studies Major

Program Status

Active

Effective Term

Spring 2021

Catalog Year

2020-2021

Program Level

Undergraduate Program

Program Type

Undergraduate Major

Delivery Method

On Campus

Departments

Department

School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Colleges

College

Arts and Humanities

Program/Major Code

11030

MHEC Inventory Program

Germanic Studies

CIP Code

160501 - German Language and Literature.

HEGIS

110300

Degree(s) Awarded

Degree Awarded

Bachelor of Arts

Proposal Contact

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Proposal Summary

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Program and Catalog Information

Provide the catalog description of the proposed program. As part of the description, please indicate any areas of concentration or specializations that will be offered.

The 36-credit BA in Germanic Studies is centered on the study of the German language as well as the literatures and cultures of Germanic peoples. Students who complete the requirements for the major can expect to be able to speak, read, write, and understand German at a level that would

allow them to communicate with native speakers. Additionally, students will be able to recognize and interpret the diverse cultural perspectives and products of the German-speaking world, in order to be culturally sensitive members of society.

Catalog Program Requirements:

Prerequisite: 8 credits: GERM103 and GERM203 or equivalent

Course	Title	Credits
College Requirements (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/#collegerequirementstext)		
Core Language Sequence		
GERM204	German Grammar Review	3
GERM301	Conversation and Composition I: The German-Speaking World	3
GERM302	Conversation and Composition II: Current Topics in German-Speaking Society	3
Area Requirements ¹		
Select a minimum of 6 credits of the following language courses:		6
GERM315	Practicum in Translation I	
GERM319	Selected Topics in Germanic Language Studies	
GERM402	Advanced Conversation and Composition	
GERM419	Selected Topics in German Language Studies	
GERM473	Variation in Contemporary German Language	
Select a minimum of 6 credits of the following literature courses:		6
GERM320	Survey of German Studies	
GERM322	Highlights of German Literature and Culture	
GERM436	The Usual Suspects: Criminals in German Literature and Film	
GERM439	Selected Topics in German Literature	
GERM442	Gender and Sexuality in German Literature and Society	
GERM443	Literature as Cultural Discourse	
GERM444	The German-Jewish Experience	
GERM458	Literary or Media Genres	
Select a minimum of 6 credits of the following culture courses:		6
GERM255	Once Upon a Time: Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm ²	
GERM289	Selected Topics in the Cultures of the Germanic Speaking Countries	
GERM299	Special Topics in Germanic Studies	
GERM383	The 'Warrior' in German Culture: From Valiant Knights to Brazen Terrorists	
GERM385	German Cinema	
GERM389	Topics in Germanic Culture ²	
GERM399	Selected Topics in Germanic Studies	
GERM441	Border Crossings and Cultural Transfers	
GERM449	Selected Topics in Germanic Studies	
GERM489	Social Issues in German Culture	
Select two 3xx or 4xx level elective courses		6
Capstone Seminar Course		
GERM488	Capstone Seminar	3

Total Credits 36

¹ A minimum of two 3xx or 4xx level courses in each of three areas: language, literature, and culture and 2 electives.

² Taught in English

Students must earn a grade of "C-" or higher in each course applied toward a major or minor in the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. Additionally, an overall GPA of 2.0 in a major or minor is required for graduation.

Language of Instruction

No more than 6 credits of the 36 total required may be satisfied by courses taught in English. With the approval of the German Studies advisor, 3 of the 6 credits may be taken outside the department.

Sample plan. Provide a term by term sample plan that shows how a hypothetical student would progress through the program to completion. It should be clear the length of time it will take for a typical student to graduate. For undergraduate programs, this should be the four-year plan.

Please see attachments for sample current 4-year academic plan and proposed new advising worksheet.

This scenario presupposes a student declaring the major in their sophomore year and placing into GERM 204. * denotes Gen Ed course.

Year 1

Fall: Total GERM credits: 0

Spring: Total GERM credits: 0

Year 2

Fall: GERM 204: German Grammar Review (3); GERM 301: Conversation and Composition I (3); GERM 2xx [elective] (3). TOTAL GERM credits: 9

Spring: GERM 302: Conversation and Composition II (3); GERM 320*: Survey of German Studies (3). TOTAL GERM credits: 15

Year 3

Fall: GERM 402: Advanced Conversation and Composition (3); GERM 322: Highlights of German Literature and Culture (3). TOTAL GERM credits: 21

Spring: GERM 356: German for the Professions (3); GERM 4x8 or Elective (3). TOTAL GERM credits: 27

Year 4

Fall: GERM 4x8 [or elective if not already taken] (3); GERM 4x8. TOTAL GERM credits: 33

Spring: GERM 488: German Capstone Seminar (3). **TOTAL GERM credits: 36**

List the intended student learning outcomes. In an attachment, provide the plan for assessing these outcomes.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to communicate effectively in writing in German by demonstrating accuracy in use of grammatical structures, using appropriate linguistic register, formulating persuasive arguments supported with appropriate textual evidence and incorporating secondary literature.

Students will be able to critically interpret written texts in a variety of genres (literature, realia, correspondence, newspaper and magazine articles, poems, dramas, etc.) and demonstrate knowledge of literary concepts.

Students will be able to communicate effectively in spoken German, demonstrating accuracy in use of grammatical structures, using appropriate linguistic register, and demonstrating a fluency in speaking that includes pronunciation that does not interfere with communication.

Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the institutions, values, and cultural products of Germany and/or the German-speaking world.

Program Modification Information

Impact on current students. It should be specifically acknowledged that students enrolled in the program prior to the effective date of any curriculum change may complete their program under the old requirements if they wish. The courses required must remain available, or suitable substitutions specifically designated.

There will be no impact on current students in completing degree requirements due to renaming of the program.

Linked Programs

Renaming Program

Provide a rationale for renaming the program.

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Supporting Documents

Attachments

German major sample 4-year plan.xls

German Studies Major Catalog description.docx

Reviewer Comments

Julie Koser (jkoser) (Mon, 29 Jun 2020 21:07:24 GMT): Would also like abbreviation to match MA and PhD degrees (GERS) rather than (GERM)

Ralph Bauer (bauerr) (Fri, 18 Sep 2020 17:31:55 GMT): I was unable to edit the fields for the catalog description and the sample plan, which the program provided upon request from the ARHU PCC committee. I have attached them to the proposal instead.

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