

German Studies Curriculum and General Information 2022-23

Ways to study German at the School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics at UCD

You can study German as a major or a minor subject as part of the following programmes:

BA International Modern Languages (DN541), 4-year programme

German plus one or two further languages: for students who wish to focus on two or more languages and their related cultures, and who wish to spend a year studying abroad.

BA Arts (DN520), 3 or 4-year programme

German plus another arts subject (e.g. music, history): for students who want to complement German with another arts discipline or who wish to try out other arts subjects in their first year. A year studying in Germany or Austria is advised (but not obligatory).

BA Humanities (DN530), 4-year programme

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“Languages, Cultures and Linguistics” pathway: for students interested in linguistics and cultures and who wish to spend a semester or a year studying in Germany or Austria

or

“European Studies” pathway: for students interested in the cultures and histories of Europe and who wish to spend a year studying in Germany or Austria.

BComm. International (DN660), 4-year programme (German minor)

For students particularly interested in careers in business and finance and who wish to spend a year studying in Germany or Austria.

BSc Social Sciences (DN700), 4-year programme (German minor), German with Economics, Sociology or Politics

For students interested in a Social Science major and who wish to spend a year studying in Germany or Austria.

German modules may also be chosen as electives by students from other programmes, subject to availability of places.

STAGE ONE (FIRST YEAR)

Choosing the level that is right for you

We offer German from beginners' and non-beginners' levels. Students who have studied German for the Irish Leaving Certificate or have reached an equivalent standard elsewhere (at least A2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference, CEFR) should enter the non-beginners' stream. At Stage One, the level 1 modules GER10010 German Language Ia (Autumn Trimester) and GER10020 German Language Ib (Spring Trimester) cater for this cohort.

Students with no prior knowledge of German should enter the Beginners' stream and should register for GER10100 Beginners German A and GER10110 Beginners German B.

If you are not sure about your level and which stream would be right for you, please contact the Head of German or the coordinator of one of the level 1 language modules for advice, even if you have been automatically allocated a place in a particular language module.

Moving forward with German

In addition to meeting Stage Progression requirements (a minimum of 50 credits overall), you need to ensure that you have demonstrated your competence in the German language at each stage. Thus, in order to progress with German at Stage Two, students must pass the relevant level 1 Spring trimester language module (GER10020 for non-beginners, and GER10110 for beginners).

What modules must I take at Stage One?

For all the BA programmes

Beginners in German must take a minimum of 10 credits from level 1 German modules, to include GER10100 German Beginners A **AND** GER10110 German Beginners B.

Non-beginners in German must take a minimum of 10 credits of modules in level 1 German to include GER10020 German Language Ib and one other German level 1 module.

For B.Comm. International (with German as a Minor)

Beginners in German must take GER10100 German Beginners A, GER10110 German Beginners B and GER10150 German History on Screen.

Non-beginners in German must take GER10010 German Language Ia, GER10020 German Language Ib and GER10150 German History on Screen.

For BSc Social Sciences (with German as a Minor)

Beginners in German must take GER10100 German Beginners A **AND** GER10110 German Beginners B.

Non-beginners in German must take GER10010 German Language Ia **AND** GER10020 German Language Ib.

German Modules and Module Coordinators Stage One

Autumn Trimester

GER10010 German Language Ia (Dr Joseph Twist)

GER10100 German Beginners A (Dr Heidi Zojer)

GER10140 Reading German Literature (Dr Siobhán Donovan) (for non-beginners of German only)

Spring Trimester

GER10020 German Language Ib (Dr Joseph Twist)

GER10110 German Beginners B (Dr Heidi Zojer)

GER10120 Spoken German for Beginners (Zeineb Bahri, M.A.) (for beginners of German only)

GER10150 German History on Screen (Dr Joseph Twist)

STAGE TWO (SECOND YEAR)

At Stage Two, students continue to attend language modules according to the stream which they entered in first year (i.e. beginners or non-beginners).

Students who completed and passed GER10020 must register for GER20060 German Language IIa and GER20070 German Language IIb. Students who completed and passed GER10100 and GER10110 must register for GER20240 German for Ex-Beginners A and GER20250 German for Ex-Beginners B.

International or elective students who have not taken the level 1 modules and wish to register for level 2 modules, should contact the relevant module coordinator.

Credit requirements according to programmes:

BA Joint Major and BA

Students must register for a minimum of 25 credits in German (level 2). This must include 10 credits from language modules.

BA International Modern Languages Joint Major

Students must register for a minimum of 20 credits in German (level 2). This must include 10 credits from language modules.

(BAIML students who take 20 credits at stage 2 must take a minimum of 25 credits in German [level 3] in their Final Year.)

BComm. International

Students must register for a minimum of 20 credits in level 2 German modules. This must include the language modules GER20060 and GER20070 **OR** GER20240 and GER20250, as well as the Spring trimester module GER20200 Auf Deutsch Handeln.

BSc Social Sciences

Students must register for a minimum of 20 credits in level 2 German modules. This must include the language modules GER20060 and GER20070 **OR** GER20240 and GER20250.

German Modules and Module Coordinators Stage Two

Autumn Trimester

GER20060 German Language IIa (Dr Jeanne Riou)

GER20240 German for Ex-Beginners A (Dr Heidi Zojer)

GER20260 Radical Thinkers (Dr Jeanne Riou)

GER20230 Transcultural Encounters I (Dr Joseph Twist)

Spring Trimester

GER20070 German Language IIb (Dr Jeanne Riou)

GER20250 German for Ex-Beginners B (Dr Heidi Zojer)

GER20270 Translation Matters (Dr Heidi Zojer)

GER20160 German-speaking Enlightenment (Dr Siobhán Donovan)

GER20200 Auf Deutsch Handeln (Zeineb Bahri, M.A.)

Moving from Stage Two to Stage Three

According to UCD regulations, students must have earned a minimum of 110 credits before they are allowed to progress from Stage Two to Stage Three.

In addition, students of German must pass their level 2 language modules (GER20060 and GER20070 **OR** GER20240 and GER20250) before being allowed to progress from Stage Two German and/or register for any level 3 language modules.

Many students spend the third year of their programme abroad through the Erasmus+ programme. For BA International Modern Languages students, BComm. International students, BSc Social Sciences students with a minor in German and BA Humanities students who opted for a joint major in German as part of their pathway, this is an integral part of their programme. BA students may apply for an Erasmus place during the Autumn trimester of Stage Two and are encouraged to do so. Before they can take up an allocated place, progression rules above apply.

STAGE THREE/FOUR (FINAL YEAR)

For BA students their final year is their third year in UCD (Stage Three). For students who are registered as BA International Modern Languages students or BComm. International students, and BA and BA Humanities students who have spent a year abroad through the Erasmus+ programme, their final year is the fourth year of their programme (Stage Four).

Credit requirements according to programmes:

BA Joint Major and BA Humanities

Students must register for a minimum of 25 credits in level 3 German modules. This must include both language modules.

BA Humanities

Students must register for a minimum of 20 credits in level 3 German modules. This must include both language modules.

BA International Modern Languages Joint Major

Students must register for a minimum of 20 credits in level 3 German modules. This must include both language modules.

(BAIML students who have taken 20 credits in level 2 German modules at Stage Two must take a minimum of 25 credits in level 3 German modules in their Final Year.)

BComm. International

Students must register for a minimum of 20 credits in level 3 German modules. This must include both language modules.

BSc. Social Sciences

Students must register for a minimum of 20 credits in level 3 German modules. This must include both language modules.

German Modules and Module Coordinators Stage Three/Four

Autumn Trimester

GER30080 German Language IIIa (Dr Siobhán Donovan)

GER30130 Translation German/English: Advanced (Dr Siobhán Donovan)

GER30210 Transcultural Encounters 2: Islam in Contemporary Germany (Dr Joseph Twist)

Spring Trimester

GER30090 German language IIIb (Dr Siobhán Donovan)

GER30190 Youth and Cruelty in Modernism (Dr Jeanne Riou)

GER30160 German Prose Narratives Since the Fall of the Wall (Dr Gillian Pye)

GER30200 Research in German (Dr Joseph Twist)

Postgraduate Studies

After graduating from any of the programme with German in the School, students have the option of embarking on postgraduate studies in the School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics. Student who obtained an undergraduate degree elsewhere can also apply.

German Modules and Module Coordinators MA Modern Languages

Autumn Trimester

GER40260 Translation German-English: Advanced (Dr Siobhán Donovan)

GER40280 Transcultural Encounters (Dr Joseph Twist)

Spring Trimester

SLL40230 Cultural Theory (Dr Jeanne Riou)

GER40270 Youth and Cruelty in Modernism (Dr Jeanne Riou)