MINOR IN GERMAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

If you truly want to broaden your horizons in the 21st century, learning German will give you the edge you need. German is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world. Indeed, more than 120 million people have German as their mother tongue, while many others study it for reasons both practical and social. With knowledge of German, you improve your employment opportunities. Germany has the largest economy in the European Union and the third largest in the world. German is a leading language of science, literature, art, philosophy and history. Bottom line: being able to speak and write German puts you in high demand.

Our courses not only allow you to acquaint yourself with contemporary German, but also give you insights into the cultural and political history of German-speaking countries and into German cinema and literature. Through exchange programs with Germany and Austria, you can complete courses toward your degree in a native-speaking environment. Closer to home, the activities of the German Club provide an informal setting for honing your German-language skills. Our close cooperation with embassies and the Ottawa branch of the German Goethe Institute provides opportunities to participate in cultural activities and to receive official certification of your language proficiency level.

Courses in this program are taught in German, English or French.

Program Requirements

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2024-2025 calendar (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/) for the previous requirements.

The table below includes only discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policies-regulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/) for information on including a minor to your degree.

12 course units from:	
ALG 1901 Elementary German I	
ALG 1902 Elementary German II	
ALG 2901 Intermediate German I	
ALG 2902 Intermediate German II	
ALG 3901 Advanced German I	
ALG 3902 Advanced German II	
6 optional course units at the 3000 or 4000 level from the list of optional courses	6 Units
12 optional course units from the list of optional courses	12 Units
Total:	30 Units

List of Optional Courses

ALG 1100	Road Map to the Culture of the German- Speaking Countries	3 Units
ALG 2100	Special Topics in German Culture	3 Units
ALG 2101	Contemporary German Culture	3 Units
ALG 2300	Masterpieces of German Literature in Translation	3 Units
ALG 3330	Cinema in the German Speaking Countries	3 Units

ALG 3900	Special Topics in German Literature	3 Units
ALG 3901	Advanced German I	3 Units
ALG 3902	Advanced German II	3 Units
ALG 3921	Directed Readings in German	3 Units
ALG 3980	German Literature and Culture	3 Units
ALG 4901	Advanced German III	3 Units
ALG 4902	Advanced German IV	3 Units
ALG 4903	Special Topics in German Culture II	3 Units
LCM 1101	How to Learn Foreign Languages	3 Units
LCM 1102	Tools for Cultural Analysis	3 Units
YDD 1901	Introduction to the Yiddish Language and Culture I	3 Units
YDD 1902	Introduction to the Yiddish Language and Culture II	3 Units
YDD 2104	Yiddish Culture, Literature, and Film	3 Units