

German

The International Languages Department offers German courses that build strong communication skills, cultural understanding, and real-world language use. German study enhances speaking, listening, reading, and writing abilities while fostering intercultural awareness. It also strengthens applications to competitive programs in fields where multilingual communication is vital, such as healthcare, education, social services, international relations, and law enforcement. German language proficiency supports careers in education, healthcare, international business, diplomacy, media, community outreach, and translation and interpretation.

German courses fulfill general education humanities requirements under the Cal-GETC transfer pathway and support UC-bound students, where proficiency in a Language Other Than English (LOTE) is a graduation requirement. There are UC and CSU majors that also require additional language study. Students can often meet these requirements at the community college level, saving time, tuition, and units. All German courses at MiraCosta are Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC).

Note: Students educated in a non-English speaking country through high school or equivalent will generally not earn lower-division transfer credit in their language at most universities. Students who might be affected by this rule should consult a counselor and/or the International Languages department chair before enrolling in their language courses.

Academic and Career Pathway

Languages, Communication, and Humanities (<https://www.miracosta.edu/academics/degree-and-certificate-programs/languages-communication-and-humanities/>)

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Courses

GRMN 101: Elementary German (First Semester)

Units: 4

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limitation: Not open to students with prior credit in GRMN 102, or GRMN 201.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Lecture 3.50 hours, laboratory 1.50 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

This introductory course develops German language acquisition through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It covers basic German pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar. It also explores the history, geography, and customs of the German-speaking countries. This course corresponds to the first two years of high school German.

GRMN 102: Elementary German (Second Semester)

Units: 4

Prerequisites: GRMN 101 or two years of high school German with a "C" or better.

Enrollment Limitation: Not open to students with prior credit in GRMN 201.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Lecture 3.50 hours, laboratory 1.50 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Spring

This course continues to develop German language acquisition through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It reviews and expands upon the vocabulary and grammatical structures introduced in GRMN 101, and it develops the student's ability to engage in casual conversation, express opinions, and make suggestions in German. The course also provides for increased awareness of the German-speaking world's history, geography, and customs, including its socio-political practices and cultural artifacts. This course corresponds to the third year of high school German.

GRMN 121: Introduction to German Culture

Units: 3

Prerequisites: None

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Lecture 3 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Fall

This course introduces students to various aspects of German culture and civilization. Areas of study include history, music, literature, philosophy, political ideas, customs, and Germany's influence on and contribution to the civilization of America and the world. The course does not require prior study of the German language or culture.

GRMN 201: Intermediate German (Third Semester)

Units: 4

Prerequisites: GRMN 102 or three years of high school German with a "C" or better.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Lecture 3.50 hours, laboratory 1.50 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Fall odd years

This course continues to develop German language acquisition through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It reviews and expands upon the vocabulary and grammatical structures introduced in GRMN 101 and GRMN 102, and it develops the student's ability to engage in casual conversation, express opinions, and make suggestions in German. The course also provides for increased awareness of the German history, geography, and customs, including its socio-political practices and cultural artifacts. This course corresponds to the fourth year of high school German.

GRMN 292: Internship Studies

Units: 0.5-14

Prerequisites: None

Corequisite: Complete 54 hours of work per unit, paid or unpaid.

Enrollment Limitation: Instructor, dept chair, and Career Center approval. Fourteen unit maximum in any combination of work experience education and/or internship studies per semester.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU

Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer

This course provides students the opportunity to apply the theories and techniques of their discipline in an internship position in a professional setting under the instruction of a faculty-mentor and site supervisor. It introduces students to aspects of the roles and responsibilities of professionals employed in the field of study. Topics include goal-setting, employability skills development, and examination of the world of work as it relates to the student's career plans. Students must develop new learning objectives and/or work/intern at a new site upon each enrollment.