Why study German at Columbia?
The Language Program

CORE (Columbia Organization of Rising Entrepreneurs) in Berlin, Spring Break 2017
A Communicative Approach

• Use German actively from beginning.
• A student-centered approach.
• Interactive classes that go beyond grammar and vocabulary.
Studying German Literature & Culture

• All language courses are also culture courses.
• Advanced courses combine the practice of language, writing skills, and culture.
• Majors and concentrators acquire proficiency in literature and culture.
Majoring in German Literature & Culture

• 30 points (10 courses), including:
  • Introduction to German Literature
  • Advanced I or Advanced II
  • Two survey courses in German literature and culture
  • One course in German intellectual history
  • Senior Seminar
• Remaining courses taught in German or English can be chosen from the 3000 or 4000-level course offerings
• Optional Senior Thesis!
Concentrating in German Literature & Culture

• 21 points (7 courses) in German courses numbed UN3001 and above
Barnard Major Requirements

• 31 points (10 courses), including:
  • Advanced I or Advanced II
  • News & Views: Reception, Reporting & Video Production, Current Issues: Media & Politics in German & Austria, or Telenovelas
• Remaining courses taught in German or English can be chosen from offerings in prose fiction, poetry, migrant literature, photography, and film.
Barnard Minor Requirements

• 15 points (5 courses), including:
  • At least 2 advanced language courses
    • News & Views: Reception, Reporting & Video Production, Current Issues: Media & Politics in German & Austria, or Telenovelas
  • At least 2 literature courses
    • Contemporary German Prose Fiction, German Migrant Literature, German Literature & Film, Germany’s Traveling Cultures, or From Decadence to Dada

• Remaining courses taught in German or English can be chosen from offerings in prose fiction, poetry, migrant literature, photography, and film.
Beyond the Classroom
Kaffeestunde // Coffee Conversation Hour

• Biweekly German Conversation Hour open to speakers at all proficiency levels!
• Upcoming dates:
  • March 5th, 5-6pm
  • March 19th, 5-6pm
  • April 2nd, 5-6pm
  • April 16th, 5-6pm
Film Series at Deutsches Haus
Barnard Deutsch

• Join the official German club of Barnard and Columbia!

• Facebook.com/Barnard Deutsch

Vienna Stories Pilot, 2017
Study Abroad Opportunities

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A Summer in Berlin

• Apply for our summer stipend.
• 1-month language course in Berlin at the Freie Universität.
• Applications available in our Department (414 Hamilton).
• Deadline Friday, March 9.
A Semester/Year in Germany

• BCGS: The Berlin Consortium for German Studies
• Options: Spring semester or one academic year
• Preparation through intensive language and culture training.
• Explore contemporary German life and culture.
• Immerse yourself in Berlin.
Internships in Germany

• The Department will help you find summer internship programs in your field of study
International Parliamentary Scholarship at the Bundestag in Berlin
Students continue to...

- Law School
- Business School
- Medical School
- Consulting
- Journalism
- Politics
- Engineering at Google, Intel, Paypal, and more
- Graduate studies in the humanities & social sciences

With top positions available in both the U.S. and Germany!
“It is safe to say that I never would have won my dream job of Berlin bureau chief for The New York Times if I hadn't studied German at Columbia.”

“Earning a B.A. in German from Columbia provided me countless advantages upon graduation, which employers, law schools, and graduate programs noticed when I applied.”

“Now a graduate student in European History, I realize how invaluable my coursework in the department was…’
“Professors instilled a love for the language, literature and culture of a place I had never visited.”
“The faculty challenged me to become a critical thinker and a passionate scholar – qualities crucial for success in any discipline.”
“Thanks to thoughtful mentoring and generous faculty attention, I learned how to make persuasive arguments in clear prose. My courses taught me how to think critically. And stimulating conversation inside and outside the classroom made me a better global citizen, aware of the ways in which culture shapes our ideas, values, and norms.”
“Between my senior thesis, study abroad, and lectures given by influential contemporary German scholars, some of my most academically fulfilling and memorable moments as an undergraduate at Columbia derived from studying German.”
“Most of all, the German Department felt like a family, with small seminars that might meet to discuss Goethe outside on a warm, sunny day and where I have kept touch with professors two decades after graduation.”
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