

Definition

The study of the German language

- provides the personal satisfaction of broadening one's communicative skills,
- increases the student's transfer options as numerous four-year schools have foreign language requirements,
- enriches foreign travel through the ability to communicate with others in their own language,
- provides exposure to the richness of cultural variety,
- fosters understanding and appreciation of one's cultural heritage,
- opens new job opportunities,
- develops a new perspective on one's own language and culture,
- offers salary increments in certain occupations.

The ability to speak a foreign language is often viewed as one of the hallmarks of the aware and educated individual.

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Program Description

All of the courses are transfer-level and provide the opportunity to progress to intermediate level. Students learn the basic features of the languages; develop speaking, aural comprehension, reading, and writing skills; and gain an acquaintance with the literature, history and culture of the countries concerned.

Distinctive Features

In addition to classroom instruction, foreign language students are exposed to publications, films, recordings, and videotapes in the languages being studied.

Career Options

Banking	Nursing
Consular and Junior Foreign Service Officer	Overseas Employment
Import and Export Business	Police Work
International Business	Social Security Office
International Relations	Teacher
Medicine	Translating and Interpreting
	Social Services

(Careers may require education beyond the two-year college level.)

Transfer

Students planning to continue studies at a four-year college or university after AVC should visit the Transfer Resource Center and consult with a counselor as soon as possible. Additional information on official transfer articulation agreements from AVC to many CSU/UC campuses can be found at www.assist.org

Prerequisite Completion

All prerequisite courses must be completed with a satisfactory grade in order to enroll in the next course. According to Title 5, Section 55200(d), a satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Classes in which the Pass/No Pass option is available are indicated with an asterisk (*) before the course title. See "Pass/No Pass Option" in the catalog for full explanation.

German Courses

GER 101 *ELEMENTARY GERMAN 1

5 units

5 hours weekly

Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 101 or placement by multiple measures.

This introductory course in German develops students' ability to speak, read, write and comprehend German. Emphasis is on the vocabulary, grammar and cultural knowledge necessary to communicate in everyday situations. The course includes work in pairs and small groups so that students will be active learners. Class will be conducted primarily in German with minimal use of translation. (CSU, UC, AVC)

GER 102 *ELEMENTARY GERMAN 2

5 units

5 hours weekly

Prerequisite: Completion of GER 101.

This course, the second semester of elementary level German, continues to develop students' ability to speak, read, write and understand German. Emphasis is on the vocabulary, grammar and cultural knowledge necessary to communicate in everyday situations. The course includes work in pairs and small groups so that students will be active learners. The class will be conducted entirely in German. (CSU, UC, AVC)

GER 201 *INTERMEDIATE GERMAN 1

4 units

4 hours weekly

Prerequisite: Completion of GER 102.

This course develops students' reading, writing, aural comprehension and speaking abilities. Students read and discuss a variety of texts. Students may also hear radio emissions, video or television clips, songs and short lectures. Course includes information on contemporary issues such as environmental problems, music, feminism, multiculturalism, cultural and political history or regional linguistic variations. Activities include reading aloud, group discussions, and work in groups or pairs. This course, conducted entirely in German, is intended for German majors and minors, students pursuing fields such as international business and global studies with an emphasis in German speaking countries, and students studying subjects that require more than two semesters of a foreign language as well as those seeking to broaden or maintain their proficiency in German. (CSU, UC, AVC)

GER 202 *INTERMEDIATE GERMAN 2

4 units

4 hours weekly

Prerequisite: *Completion of GER 201.*

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