

## German

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The German program at Norwich offers instruction in German language, culture and literature; the minor in German consists of six courses at the intermediate level or higher. Beginning and intermediate German courses focus on building a solid foundation in the language, while courses beyond the intermediate offer a broad overview of German (and Austrian and Swiss) cultural history, literature, business practices, and cinema. The academic program is augmented by extra-curricular activities that include weekly film viewings, German table lunches, peer tutoring, and the German Club. Students are also encouraged to study abroad. Norwich maintains a student exchange with campuses of the German military university, *Die Universität der Bundeswehr*, in Hamburg and Munich. Students may also study for a semester at CityLab, Norwich's own program in Berlin. Students who have completed more than one year of high school German, or the equivalent, must take the foreign language placement test before registering for their first Norwich course in German.

### Goals:

Our program aims to provide students with a firm foundation in spoken and written German, an overview of German political, cultural and literary history, and firsthand knowledge of today's German-speaking world.

### Outcomes:

Students who complete the minor in German are able to:

- Comprehend and produce a broad range of communicative structures in German, consistent with the Intermediate-Mid ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) rubrics.
- Recognize and understand literary, linguistic, and cultural texts and apply digital tools across different texts and contexts.
- Engage the German-speaking world with empathy and with an understanding of human experience across languages and cultures.

## Minor

### German Minor 2020-2021 Catalog

All courses require a grade of C or higher. The courses required to complete the minor depend on the German-language proficiency level of the incoming student. See tracks A and B below:

#### A. The following is the track to complete the minor for those who enter Norwich at or below the intermediate level:

|                            |                        |    |
|----------------------------|------------------------|----|
| GR 205                     | Intermediate German I  | 3  |
| GR 206                     | Intermediate German II | 3  |
| GR Elective (250 or above) |                        | 3  |
| GR Elective (321 or above) |                        | 3  |
| GR Elective (321 or above) |                        | 3  |
| GR Elective (321 or above) |                        | 3  |
| Total Cr.                  |                        | 18 |

#### B. Track B is to be completed by students who place above the Intermediate level:

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|----------------------------|---|----|
| GR Elective (321 or above) | 3 |    |
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| GR Elective (321 or above) | 3 |    |
| GR Elective (321 or above) | 3 |    |
| Total Cr.                  |   | 18 |