A knowledge of German grants access to a rich cultural heritage and to many contemporary cultural, economic, political and scientific developments. Advanced degrees in such fields as genetics, music, environmental science, theology, biochemistry, philosophy and film studies require or recommend the study of German. The German program at Stetson University is dedicated to opening the door to these opportunities.

German is spoken by over 100 million people in the world. It represents the largest number of native speakers in the European Union and is rapidly becoming the lingua franca of Central and Eastern Europe.

In addition, Germany has the largest economy in the European Union and the third largest in the world. It is a leader in business innovation and its subsidiaries and branches are a common sight throughout the world.

A Distinctive Program

The beginning and intermediate German language sequence at Stetson University is designed around the concept of learning the language via the German culture. Language-learning provides the opportunity to gain an understanding of the culture in which it is spoken. Ultimately this leads to the ability to view our own culture from without and the German-speaking culture from within (intercultural communicative competence).

In the beginning and intermediate sequence, students use German phrases and vocabulary appropriate to their level of proficiency to discuss topics such as personal space and privacy, patriotism, the pros and cons of a social welfare system and immigration and integration from both the German and American perspective.

The advanced sequence further strengthens these abilities as well as provides in-depth analysis on specific topics, such as German women writers, the German fairy tale, German cinema, modern German culture, and Germany’s search for national identity. Most of these courses also may be used to fulfill the university's general education requirements.

Fast Facts

Number of faculty: 2
Can you major in this program? Yes
Can you minor in this program? Yes
Emphasis within the major: intercultural communicative competency
Popular second majors: business administration, music, history, political science, philosophy, international studies
Program website: stetson.edu/languages

A knowledge of German helps prepare students for careers in international business, the sciences and the arts, and for advanced studies in the German language and culture.

Academics and Research

Independent research

Students conduct senior research projects. Our students have researched and presented on topics such as Music in the Works of German-American Painter Oscar Bluemner, the Environmental Policies of Southwest Germany with Emphasis on the City of Freiburg, Concepts of Individualism in German and Russian War Novels, and Sexual Politics during National Socialism.

Facilities and opportunities

The German program is part of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, which is housed in Sampson
Hall. All classes are taught in smart classrooms, and technology is widely used in and outside of class. The language laboratory is readily available for individual or group work. Students can also join the German Club, have access to native-speaking tutors, and participate in informal discussion at German conversation tables.

In addition, the German program offers a five-week summer program in Freiburg, Germany, during which students can take German as well as English language courses in theater, political science, philosophy, religious studies, art and other topics.

**Preparation for graduate study**

A knowledge of German has helped our majors and minors gain admittance to reputable graduate programs in philosophy, music, history, geography, business and political science as well as in German.

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**Awards and Recognition**

**Distinguished faculty**

Faculty members include a recipient of Stetson University's William Hugh McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching.

**Grant-funded research**

One of the ways Stetson University fosters excellence in undergraduate programs is through the Stetson Undergraduate Research Experience. Each year undergraduate scholars are selected in a university-wide competition for grants to work with a faculty mentor on a summer research project.

**Undergraduate awards and honors**

Students have the opportunity to join Delta Phi Alpha, the national German honorary society. The department also gives a book award to the Most Outstanding Senior, and the Lynch Scholarship to language majors.

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**Beyond the Classroom**

**Internships**

The department offers a five-week summer program in Freiburg, Germany, during which students gain Stetson course credit. The program includes excursions to Berlin and Weimar with possible day trips to Strasbourg and Colmar, France, and Basel, Switzerland.

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**After Stetson**

**Diverse careers**

Stetson students who completed German minors or majors are currently working in fields such as environmental science, banking and education, at federal agencies and in international business and music. In addition, numerous majors have pursued graduate degrees in German in the U.S. and in Germany. Several have been awarded prestigious Fulbright and DAAD Scholarships.

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