

Why Study German?

- German is spoken everywhere: It ranks number three among foreign languages taught throughout the world and is the second most popular foreign language taught in Europe and Japan, after English. It is also the most widely spoken language in the European Union.
- Germany is an economic powerhouse: it is the largest economy in the European Union and fourth largest in the world! In the United States, German companies employ 700,000 people. U.S. companies have created a comparable number of jobs in Germany. Many German companies have branches here in Pennsylvania.
- Germany has been a leader in electronic technology since the 1950s, and Germans maintain a preeminent position on the Internet. With its 8 million Internet subdomains, Germany's domain .de is second only to the extension .com. German is the second most commonly used language on the internet.
- Germany is the third largest publisher of books in the world and an important language to the study of many arts and sciences. You will gain access to many different texts, ranging from historical to literary to scientific, in their original form. It is why 40 percent of scientists in the United States recommend that their students learn German.
- Knowing German will also give you direct access to the cultures of Austria, Switzerland and Liechtenstein which have produced their own great works and made their own major contributions to Western civilization.
- If you are Pennsylvania Dutch, knowing German will help you understand your own heritage!



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German Studies Minor

What can I do with German Studies?

Our increasingly complicated world makes the knowledge of a language other than English more than necessary. It also broadens the professional possibilities of anyone who has a proficient knowledge of German. The job possibilities range from industry, travel and tourism, service, arts and media, U.S. government to the armed forces.

- ◆ German teacher, history teacher, bilingual educator, translator or interpreter, receptionist, researcher, librarian or proofreader.
- ◆ Foreign correspondent, publisher, bilingual administrator, FBI or CIA special agent, or work in institutions like the World Bank, Department of Defense, or Department of State, etc.
- ◆ Scientific researcher, international lawyer, sales representative, technical consultant, international credit analyst, or marketing/advertising executive.
- ◆ Travel agent, exchange program coordinator, flight attendant, pilot.

What makes German Studies an interdisciplinary minor?

The focus of the German Studies Minor is both on the exposure to the language to gain proficiency and on knowledge of the historical, cultural and political background of Germany. All upper-level courses are taught in German. Other courses are taught in English and may be offered by other departments, including those concerning cultures of the German-speaking world.

Study Abroad Opportunities

Students enrolled in the SHIP German Studies minor program are encouraged



to augment their on-campus study of German through a semester of study in Germany. Our partnership with the University of Lüneburg near Hamburg allows Shippensburg University students the opportunity to study in Germany while continuing to receive any financial aid as they would as enrolled students of Shippensburg University. Students interested in study abroad can get more information in the Center for Global Education (Ceddia Union Building Room 221), online at www.ship.edu/international, or by emailing Mary Burnett at meburnett@ship.edu.



Testimonials from Program Alum

“I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience at SHIP as a German minor. My German abilities have vastly improved through my studies at SHIP due to excellent professors and resources. The German Studies minor at Shippensburg University has thoroughly prepared me for my career as a German and Spanish teacher.”

-Kiersten Hartranft (2013), Spanish Secondary Education major / German Studies minor

“What I learned in my German classes at SHIP will stick with me for the rest of my life. The minor classes gave me marketable German speaking skills in only two years. I would recommend to anyone who is enthusiastic about language learning to complete the German Studies minor because it is a refreshing blend of challenging work, fun learning experiences, and great teaching.”

Carl Seltzer (2013), BSBA in Supply Chain Management / German Studies minor.