GERMAN (PH.D.)

Offered by: Languages,Literatures,Cultures (Faculty of Arts)
Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Program Description

The Ph.D. in German Studies combines the rigor of traditional philological inquiry into the history of German literature with a broader cultural studies approach that attends to the historical and technological aspects of German

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Thesis

A thesis for the doctoral degree must constitute original scholarship and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. It must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate ability to plan and carry out research, organize results, and defend the approach and conclusions in a scholarly manner. The research presented must meet current standards of the discipline; as well, the thesis must clearly demonstrate how the research advances knowledge in the field. Finally, the thesis must be written in compliance with norms for academic and scholarly expression and for publication in the public domain.

Required Course

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Course	Title	Credits
GERM 701	Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination.	0

Complementary Courses

Eight 3-credit courses (24 credits); with the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee, students are permitted to take a maximum of 6 credits in another department.

Language Requirement

French Language examination or Latin (if specializing in German Literature before 1600).

Original research leading to new insights is a prerequisite for the acceptance of a Ph.D. thesis.

As a rule, it will take a student at least three years after the M.A. degree to complete the requirements for the Ph.D. degree. Students who have not spent an appreciable length of time in a German-speaking country are advised to spend one year at a university in such a country, for which credit may be given in the above program.