**Courses**

**Single Honours**

**BA German**
four years R200

**Joint Honours**

**BA Czech and German**
four years RR2V
**BA Film and German**
four years 4F29
**BA French and German**
four years RR12
**BA German and Italian**
four years RR23
**BA German and Portuguese**
four years RR25
**BA German and Russian**
four years RR27
**BA German and Spanish**
four years RR24
**BA History of Art and German**
four years VR32
**LLB Law and German**
four years MR12
**BA Music and German**
four years WR32
**BA Philosophy and German**
four years RV25
**BA Politics and German**
four years RL22
**BA Theatre and German**
four years 21C7

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**Why study German at Bristol?**

Expertise in modern languages has never been more important as the United Kingdom forges a new relationship with its European partners and seeks to develop its trading and cultural ties throughout the world.

Germany is the largest national economy in Europe and the fourth largest globally. It remains central to the world’s political and economic order, guaranteeing a high demand for the rare commodity of advanced fluency in the German language and familiarity with the diverse culture, history, politics and lifestyles of the German-speaking world. Germany is currently the UK’s biggest European trading partner and British political and cultural history is closely intertwined with that of Germany.

Studying German at Bristol combines thorough language training with broad coverage of the culture and history of the German-speaking world. Alongside the core structured language learning programme (for beginners as well as A-level entrants), you will have opportunities to study literature, history, culture, philosophy, politics and linguistics. Current research strengths include modern German and Austrian history, post-war and contemporary literature, and 18th- and 20th-century studies. The flexible course allows you to follow options geared to your personal interests in the second and final years, both in German and with a broader comparative context in the School of Modern Languages.

Modern languages students at Bristol benefit from a state-of-the-art multimedia centre, which provides access to over 2,000 film titles, foreign satellite channels, magazines and newspapers as well as equipment for oral practice, presentations and projects.

‘Now more than ever, the UK needs to reach out and listen to the wider world. An in-depth knowledge of modern languages, their cultures and societies, is essential for success in a global context. At Bristol we offer our students a wide range of language combinations taught by expert teachers and world-leading researchers.’

Professor Susan Harrow, Head of the School of Modern Languages
What will you study?

You can study German as Single Honours, offering the widest coverage of German studies, or in a Joint Honours degree with another language or subject. All courses last four years and include a period of residence in a German-speaking country during the third year. You can study German from beginners’ level in joint degrees, beginning with an intensive language course.

We aim to bring our graduates up to native or near-native level, providing training and practice in all key language skills. The department has four native-speaker German language teachers and the year abroad, an integral part of the course, is excellent for improving oral and aural skills.

The first year introduces you to a broad range of the disciplines covered in the department. While language teaching remains core in all years, second- and final-year students determine the rest of their course from a range of options.

Second-year options have recently included:
• Divided Germany
• Business German
• Young Goethe
• Literature and Politics 1800-1870
• Kafka
• Germany and Austria, 1918-34
• Spotlights on Anglo-German Relations: Literature, Media, Film.

Final-year options have recently included:
• German Humour
• Culture of Classical Weimar
• Socialism and the Left
• Exiles and Migrants in German Literature
• Goethe’s Faust
• Representing the Holocaust
• After the Wall: Remembering the GDR
• The German Sonnet
• Christa Wolf.

Not only will you have access to the superbly equipped Multimedia Centre, but you will also be taught through a variety of methods. Language classes are taught in small groups which allow tutors to work closely with every student. In cultural units there are discussion groups or seminars, supported in the first year by larger lectures.

Students can arrange individual consultations to discuss essays and other work with their tutors. You will also spend much of your time studying independently, reading around a topic, preparing assignments, developing your own ideas and learning to express them in English and in German.

Year abroad
You may spend your year abroad working in a German-speaking environment, which will allow you to gain valuable professional experience. Approximately one third of our third-year students work in approved employment in a wide range of organisations, including multinational companies, translation agencies, theatres and management consultancies. Some students become assistant English teachers in German or Austrian schools.

Alternatively, you can spend your year abroad studying at German or Austrian universities. We have partnerships with Augsburg, Berlin Humboldt, Hannover, Heidelberg, Kiel, Leipzig and Graz universities. The University of Bristol’s Global Opportunities office will help you to arrange study and work placements and will assist with associated administration.

If you study German with another language, you divide your third year equally between a German-speaking country and a country where your other language is spoken. Many students find that studying two languages enables them to become stronger linguists. Your year abroad will provide you with a highly attractive skill set for employers.
Many German graduates want to use their language skills after graduation and find jobs where their languages are advantageous. Some return to Germany to live and work. In a globalised world, mastery of a foreign language is an asset in most graduate jobs. It is especially helpful in fields as diverse as finance, law, consultancy, publishing, the civil service, marketing, travel and tourism.

Beyond their language skills, our students develop a deep understanding of other cultures, an international outlook, adaptability and independence. The relatively few language graduates who become professional linguists (translators or interpreters) require two foreign languages and undertake specialised postgraduate training. Some graduates who want to use their language as a core of their job choose teaching and some who want the opportunity to live abroad teach English as a foreign language. Others enter professions including media, law and accountancy, or undertake postgraduate study.

‘Having a degree from Bristol has certainly helped me to secure work, while the value of a languages degree is, in my opinion and from my experience, higher than ever in today’s competitive job market.’

Daniel (BA German and Spanish)
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