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German



Undergraduate study

Courses

Single Honours

BA German

four years R200

Joint Honours

BA Czech and German

four years RR2V

BA English and German

four years QR32

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 and German

four years VR12

BA History of Art and German

four years VR32

BA International Business Management and German*

four years NR12

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

LLB Law and German

four years MR12

* This course is subject to approval.

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 has been one of the UK's biggest European trading partners 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, film, culture, philosophy, politics and linguistics. Current research strengths include modern German and Austrian history, post-war and contemporary literature, historical sociolinguistics, 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, graduates equipped with linguistic skills, intercultural understanding and the ability to think outside the box are in high demand. At Bristol, through a broad, interdisciplinary range of language and culture units taught by world-class researchers, we prepare our students to become creative leaders, capable of responding to local and global challenges.'

Professor Andreas Schonle, Head of the School of Modern Languages

This leaflet contains information for students planning to start university in autumn 2020. We have made every effort to ensure all details are correct at the time of going to press (May 2019). However, since this information is subject to change, you are advised to check the University's website, bristol.ac.uk/ug-study, for the latest updates.

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
- Structures and Varieties of German
- From Caligari to Hitler: German Film 1918-1945
- Transnational Nation: Germany 1840-1990
- Kafka
- Germany and Austria, 1918-1934
- Talking to Tyrants: Politics, Thought and Drama in 1780s Germany.

Final-year options have recently included:

- Language Variation and Change in German
- Culture of Classical Weimar
- Socialism and the Left
- Exiles and Migrants in German Literature
- Centre of Attraction: Mitte and Mainstream in Germany's Political Culture
- 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 currently 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.

Modern languages students can access our state-of-the-art Multimedia Centre, which includes a student cinema suite, an audio recording and editing studio, and a library of foreign films, books and magazines.



'The range of units available is astounding. My year abroad really put into perspective how much I learned.'

Alex (BA French and German)

Careers and graduate destinations

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 such 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 skill in 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.

The University of Bristol has one of the best employment records in the UK. We are the second most targeted university by top UK graduate employers (High Fliers Research 2019).

The Bristol Skills Framework enables our students to recognise their development in academic writing, problem solving, group work, and individual and group presenting. We will equip you with the tools to market your skills, your achievement and your potential in whatever career path you choose to pursue after you graduate.

'Having a degree from Bristol has certainly helped me to secure work. 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)

Source: Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2016/17. Data is for students of all modern languages courses. Find out more at bristol.ac.uk/careers/be-inspired.



Graduate employers
British Council
EY
Focus PR
Éléphant groupe
Merbis-Kirk Translations



Career destinations
Auxiliaire de Conversation
Accountancy Associate
Team Assistant
Freelance Researcher
Translator

Making your application

Visit bristol.ac.uk/ug20-german for more information about our courses.

Typical offer for BA German

A-levels AAB (contextual BBB) including B in German.

IB Diploma 34 points overall (contextual 31) with 17 at Higher Level (contextual 15), including 5 at Higher Level in German.

Our contextual offer is a grade reduction of up to two grades below the standard entry requirements, made to applicants from under-represented groups. Find out more at bristol.ac.uk/contextual-offers.

GCSEs No specific subjects required.

Selection process UCAS.

For other accepted qualifications, and for our English language requirements, visit bristol.ac.uk/ug20-german.

Application advice for German courses

Admissions tutors are looking for evidence that you will be interested, motivated and able to begin exploring all aspects of German language and culture.

When making your application, please consider the following:

- interest in and commitment to the language, history and culture;
- evidence of clear thinking and understanding, and problem-solving and analytical skills;
- suitability of the course for you;
- reading or research which goes beyond the A-level syllabus;
- non-academic achievements, extracurricular interests and positions of responsibility;
- evidence of teamwork;
- response to challenges faced;
- standard of written English.

Further information

Find out more about the Department of German: bristol.ac.uk/german.

This information is correct at the time of printing (May 2019), but we recommend you check the University website for the latest information: bristol.ac.uk/ug20-german.



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bristol.ac.uk/students