German

See also Modern Languages page 130

Degrees all available With or Without Integrated Year Abroad

Degree options in the Faculty of Arts

MA (Single Honours Degree)

German

MA (Joint Honours Degrees)

German and one of:
- Ancient History
- Arabic
- Art History
- Biblical Studies
- Comparative Literature
- Economics
- English
- Film Studies
- French
- International Relations
- Italian
- Management

MA "With" Degree

Honours in which the majority of the course deals with the first-named subject:

Economics with German

MA (Honours Degrees) in

- German and two of Arabic, French, Italian, Persian, Russian, Spanish
- German and (one of Arabic, French, Italian, Russian, Spanish) and Comparative Literature
- Modern Languages (German and (one of Arabic, French, Italian, Persian, Russian, Spanish)) with one of Ancient History, English, International Relations, Management
- Modern Languages (German and (one of French, Italian, Persian, Spanish)) with Greek (Ancient)
- Mediaeval Studies

For degrees combining more than one subject, the subject with the higher Entrance Requirements determines the grades you need. You will also need to meet any further subject-specific Entrance Requirements as outlined on their pages.

For further country-specific qualifications and pre-degree foundation programmes see:

Do I need previous knowledge of this subject?

- No (for exceptions see footnote G).

Subject enquiries

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Features

- German at St Andrews offers a broad range of German studies from the Middle Ages to the present.
- We teach linguistics and area studies as well as literature, and have strong links with Comparative Literature.
- You can combine German with one or two other languages.
- Joint Honours with subjects as diverse as English, History, Management, Psychology or Theology are possible.
- The degree comprises four years of in-depth study.
- Our language courses cater for beginners and post-A-Level/Higher students.
- German skills are highly sought after by employers.

Resources

The School has a Multimedia Centre with the latest electronic technology to enhance the learning and practice of oral and aural skills.

What will I study?

We will help you to develop your intellectual and cultural competence and to acquire communicative skills which will be invaluable in your future career: the ability to analyse and discuss critically, to present a reasoned argument, and to use Information Technology. We aim to help you to maximise your potential in practical language skills and, if you take German as a main subject, to provide a broad education in the literature and culture of German-speaking societies past and present.

You are able to combine German with a wide range of other language and non-language subjects. This is especially the case in the Honours years, when you have scope to construct

Entrance Requirements

Obtaining the following grades will not guarantee you a place as we consider all aspects of every application, including the Personal Statement.

SQA Highers: AAAB
GCE A-Levels: AAB
International Baccalaureate Points: 36

For full Faculty Entrance Requirements, see page 53.
your own programme of modules and to follow particular interests in aspects of literature, linguistics and other forms of German culture.

The building of a high level of competence in language skills is a priority in all modules, and you will be expected to write using correct spelling, grammar and punctuation in both German and English.

Indicative programme information

First Year (2 x 20-credit modules required)
The Department offers two different types of module in first year: intensive foundation courses for beginners and students with National 5 / GCSE German, and advanced language and literature courses for those with higher entrance qualifications. The advanced course combines language and literature, developing speaking and listening, reading and writing skills. Students are introduced to linguistics and the techniques of textual analysis. Texts studied include German short stories, plays and poems from the Middle Ages to the present day.

Second Year (at least 40 credits overall required)
In second year there is a range of modules. Students coming from first year beginners’ modules have their own intensive language courses. Non-language elements are integrated at this level: ex-beginners and ex-advanced students jointly extend their studies of modern literature, mediaeval literature and linguistics.

Honours – Third and Fourth Years
(3 or 4 x 15-credit core modules required and at least 5 other 15-credit modules required over 2 years)
All students take the same core modules in German language, including advanced oral, writing and communication skills. You have scope to construct the rest of your module programme by choosing from a wide variety of modules on aspects of German literature, linguistics and culture from earlier periods to the present day, and on German history and thought. These modules reflect the individual research interests of staff members and allow you to work at the frontiers of the subject. Modules currently available, but subject to change (see Curriculum development page 7), include:

- The Nazi Past in German Cultural Memory
- Shakespeare: The German Catalyst
- Mediaeval Things
- Language and Ideology in the GDR and West Germany from 1949-1989
- Writing Nature: German Environmental Thought (1800-2000)

A dissertation module permits you to research and write about a topic which particularly interests you.

Study abroad
Most students take the opportunity to apply for a year working in a German-speaking country, between second year and Junior Honours (third) year. UK students may undertake teaching placements in schools abroad through the British Council’s Language Assistantship scheme. If teaching is not for you, you may apply for a work placement with the approval of the Department. The third option to apply for time abroad is in the third year of the degree course (Junior Honours) as an exchange student at a university in Germany or Austria. In 2016 - 2017 our exchange partners are Bonn, Lüneburg and Vienna. For options available during your intended period of study, see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad/outgoingsstudents

For further information about eligibility, the application and selection process, and costs involved, please see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad

Alternatively you may apply to study abroad under the University’s St Andrews Abroad programme. See page 46.

Typical class sizes and teaching information

First Year: lectures 30 - 60, seminars 15 - 20
Second Year: lectures 30 - 40, seminars 10 - 15
Honours: seminars 10 - 18

Typical methods of assessment
Our modules at all levels are assessed by 40% coursework and 60% end-of-semester examination, with the exception of dissertations and project modules. End-of-semester examinations are either entirely in written format or comprise a written and an oral component.

Scholarships
The Department will assist you in applying for summer vacation scholarships and grants for longer periods of study in Germany offered by the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst.

Careers
Graduates in German successfully compete for specialist linguist posts as well as those which are open to all graduates, regardless of degree subject, where high-level language skills can confer a significant advantage. Our graduates enter careers as translators, as German or TEFL teachers in Britain and abroad, in European business and administration, in banking and finance, export marketing, and the Civil Service. Others do postgraduate training, e.g. in law, or undertake academic research.

Some of our recent graduates have been placed in Ernst & Young, Intercontinental Hotels Group, Procter and Gamble, Aerosystems International, Lifeline Language Services, the Fiscal Office, and the NHS. For more information: http://bit.ly/sta-modlangs-careers

See also page 36 for details of the University’s Careers Centre.