German (BA)

This program is offered by the College of Arts & Sciences/International Languages and Cultures Department.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

• Recognize and appraise the complexities of a culture or cultures different from their own.
• Identify multiple cultural perspectives based on original texts and cultural materials.
• Critically analyze their own culture and its place in the world.
• Question cultural stereotypes.
• Demonstrate successful and sensitive communication, both orally and in writing, with people from another culture through an understanding of their language and culture.
• Relate their personality, values, and complex thoughts in a language other than their native one.

Degree Requirements

A minimum of 128 credit hours consisting of the following:

• 36 required credit hours
  (at minimum) in the language of the student’s major
• A minimum of 24 of the 36 required credit hours in the specific foreign language must be at the 3000 level or above.
• A minimum of 9 credit hours must be successfully completed at Webster at the 3000 level or above. These 9 credit hours must include a 3090, 3100 or 4090 course, an introduction to literature course or a culture course, and a 4000-level seminar. These courses may not be taken pass/fail.
• The department requires one term (minimum 6-8 weeks) abroad in a country where the target language is spoken or an alternative cultural/linguistic experience approved by the department.
• A cumulative grade average of B or better in courses taken in the language of the major.
• A portfolio review and demonstration of oral proficiency (advanced low level on ACTFL scale) in a departmental overview (ILC 4700).
• Applicable University Global Citizenship Program hours
• Electives

Courses completed with a grade lower than C do not count toward fulfilling the specific course requirements of the major. Courses at the 3000 level may only be taken pass/fail with permission of the chair of the department.

Teacher certification courses (e.g., ILC 4060) may not be used to satisfy upper-level coursework in the appropriate language.

Students whose primary language is not English must take English as a Second Language (ESLG) courses until they pass their English Language Proficiency requirements.