

GERMAN

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Overview

The active part that the United States is taking in world affairs makes it desirable that a greater number of Americans than ever before have knowledge of foreign languages and cultures. A language background should be of intrinsic value. The acquisition of desired practical communication skills in the study of modern foreign language is the primary objective. This can be accomplished by the oral approach, motivated by lectures and implemented by the language laboratory.

TRANSFER MAJOR REQUIREMENTS in Foreign Language are available in the Counseling Center. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for specific transfer requirements. Four-year graduates in Foreign Language are qualified for positions in teaching, business, foreign services, law enforcement, nursing, secretarial and diplomatic services.

Courses

Understanding course descriptions (<http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/archive/2016-2017/student-resources/course-information/understanding-course-descriptions>)

GER 0001. Elementary German - Level I

Units: 4

Hours: 72 lecture

Introduction to German language and culture, including speaking, listening, linguistic and grammatical structure, reading, pronunciation and intonation patterns. Corresponds to two years of high school study. (CSU, UC)

GER 0002. Elementary German - Level II

Units: 4

Prerequisite: Completion of GER 1 or two years of high school German with grade(s) of "C" or better

Hours: 72 lecture

Designed for those who have had previous training in the German language. Continuation of GER 1. Emphasis on speaking, listening, linguistic and grammatical structure, reading, writing. Further study of learning pronunciation and intonation patterns, together with continued discussion of unique cultural characteristics of the German-speaking peoples. Students continue to memorize dialogues, become knowledgeable of utilizing a substantial vocabulary, and conduct translations of culturally meaningful reading selections. (CSU, UC)

GER 0028. Independent Study

Units: 1-3

Designed for students interested in furthering their knowledge at an independent study level in an area where no specific curriculum offering is currently available. Independent study might include, but is not limited to, research papers, special subject area projects, and research projects. See Independent Study page in catalog. (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)

- Improve listening skills in target language and draw reasonable conclusions from observations.
- Improve reading skills in target language while examining important contributions to literature in relevant cultures.
- Improve writing skills in target language while examining new ideas from the relevant cultures.
- Improve speaking skills in target language and develop problem-solving skills by working productively with others.
- Cultivate openness to new ideas and an informed appreciation of relevant cultures.