German Major

(12 units)

1) Eight departmental units (above German 110).

2) Supporting courses (4 units). Choose one of the three options available:
   a) Four courses chosen from histories of philosophy, science, art, music; Western civilization; comparative literature; English; history; political science; or the literatures of Spain, France, Italy, and Russia.
   b) Students with double majors may use required courses in the other majors to count as supporting courses toward a major in German.
   c) The student may submit a proposal to the major advisor for an individual plan of courses for meeting the requirement of 4 supporting courses.

3) Majors normally spend one semester in Germany on the Beloit College Erfurt exchange or on an equivalent program in Austria or Switzerland. With the consent of the advisor, some courses completed abroad may be used to count toward the major.

4) Majors are encouraged to live at least one semester in the German House.

5) Writing/communication: Courses in modern foreign languages offer students opportunities to become competent in four language skills—speaking, listening, reading, and writing. All four linguistic areas are important. The department of modern languages and literatures meets the college’s writing requirement by having students move from structured writing that reinforces the material learned in language classes—grammar points and vocabulary—to less guided writing in advanced classes where students use language creatively to analyze, describe, narrate, synthesize, persuade, etc. Since we often focus on the writing process—prewriting, writing, and rewriting—we are confident that the problem solving skills associated with this process will transfer to courses outside of our department.

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