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College of Arts, Social Sciences
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German



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Subject Overview

German forms part of the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies. There are many different reasons to study German. Having German strengthens your employment prospects at home and abroad. Germany, Austria and Switzerland have a fascinating cultural background in art, music, science, sport and literature.

You can study German on a number of courses at University of Galway: as one of your subjects on the BA Joint Honours (International), Bachelor of Arts Global Languages and Bachelor of Arts Global Experience; as part of the Bachelor of Commerce International, the Bachelor of Civil Law, Law (BCL) and Business, Law (BCL) and Human Rights, Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice, and Law (BCL) and Taxation programmes, or as an option in Biotechnology and Science programmes.

Course Name:	Bachelor of Arts (International) / Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)	Bachelor of Arts (Global Languages)	Bachelor of Commerce International (German)	Bachelor of Civil Law / Law (BCL) and Business / Law (BCL) and Human Rights / Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice / Law (BCL) and Taxation	BSc (Biotechnology with German) / Bachelor of Science
CAO Code:	GY101 / GY129	GY128	GY203	GY251 / GY250 / GY252 / GY254 / GY253	GY304 / GY301
Duration:	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years / 3-4 Years
Entry Requirements:	Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.	Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate. H4 in a modern language other than Irish and English, and two other subjects recognised for entry purposes.	Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/O7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including: Irish, English, another language, Maths and two other subjects recognised for entry purposes.	Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate including Irish, English, another language, Mathematics*, and any two other subjects recognised for entry purposes. *minimum grade O6/H7 Mathematics required for GY250 & GY253	Minimum H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/O7 level in the Leaving Certificate including: Irish, English, another language, Mathematics, a laboratory science subject, i.e. Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physics with Chemistry (joint) or Agricultural Science and any two other subjects recognised for entry purposes.
Additional Requirements:	None	Minimum H4 in a modern European Language other than Irish or English	Minimum H4 in German	None	Minimum O2/H6 in modern European language for BSc (Biotechnology)



Study Abroad

All students (except Bachelor of Science) will be offered a one-year study placement at a German university, as part of the Erasmus exchange programme. On your Erasmus year, you will follow courses relating to aspects of the German language as well as taking other courses relating to your degree. This is a unique opportunity to live and work side-by-side with German students – you will return for the final year of your degree with a greater knowledge and understanding of the language and culture as well as some great personal memories.

Career Opportunities

Knowledge of German equips you for work in the Europe of today. Languages graduates with a good degree in German and experience of Germany are in strong demand.

What Our Students Say

“I always had an interest in German, but a big reason why I chose to study German to degree level was the German department. From the very first lecture they won me over with their enthusiasm and passion for what they teach. I thoroughly enjoyed the three years that I spent studying German at University of Galway and learnt so much about German language, culture, literature and cinema. Because the classes are relatively small it was easy to make friends. Every year the German department organises German bar evenings, boat trips, weekends away in the Burren and something which is especially close to my heart, the German play. The small, informal setting of the rehearsals gave me the courage to take part in something that I would have otherwise been too intimidated to try. Another big part of studying German is the Erasmus year abroad. I got the chance to live and study in Berlin for my Erasmus year and had one of the most enriching experiences of my life. I think every student should have the chance to do it. I have grown so much both academically and personally as a result of studying German in University of Galway.”

-Jeannine Jud, Graduate BA (International) 2009

Did You Know

- German is the native language of about 100 million people.
- 38% of Europeans speak German.
- 18% of all books worldwide are published in German.
- Germany has the biggest economy in Europe.

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How Can I Study German?

Bachelor of Arts (International) / Bachelor of Arts (Global Experience)

First year students take German and two other subjects from a wide choice available in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies. German is offered both at beginners and at post-Leaving Cert level. Students spend their third year studying at a third-level institution abroad or on an approved placement overseas, incorporating both international language and English-speaking opportunities.

Bachelor of Arts (Global Languages)

This degree is offered to students who wish to achieve a high level of competence in at least two languages. You can choose from French, German, Irish, Italian and Spanish. French and Irish are available at post-Leaving Cert level, Italian is available at beginners level, and German and Spanish are available to both beginners and post-Leaving Cert students. This innovative language programme also offers additional minors in Translation and Linguistics, Media and Technology, and Cultural Studies. Students spend their third year studying at a third-level institution abroad or on an approved placement overseas.

Bachelor of Commerce International (German)

In first year you study courses such as Accounting, Economics, Marketing, Management and Mathematics as well as German. In second year, your knowledge of business and German is furthered through the advancement of those subjects studied in first year. In final year you choose Accounting, Economics, Human Resources, Management Information Systems or Marketing as your specialism while continuing your study of the German language.

Bachelor of Civil Law / Law (BCL) and Business / Law (BCL) and Human Rights / Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice / Law (BCL) and Taxation

German is offered on the Bachelor of Civil Law, Law and Business, Law (BCL) and Human Rights, Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice, and Law (BCL) and Taxation programmes. The first-year course is designed to consolidate and develop existing language skills. Acquiring a specialised commercial vocabulary is an important aspect of the second-year course. Legal German students benefit enormously from the opportunity to spend two semesters at an Erasmus+ partner university. In final year, particular emphasis is placed on the ability to express ideas convincingly on contemporary legal, political, and social issues.

Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology with German) / Bachelor of Science with German

Biotechnology students may study German at post-Leaving Cert level and continue expanding their conversational, writing and reading skills until their three-month laboratory placement in a German-speaking country in third year. They may also take German at beginners level. Students of Undenominated Science or of other Denominated Science courses may study German in their second and third year at either beginners or advanced level. They may then apply for work experience at German universities or research institutes.

Find Out More

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