M.A. and Ph.D. in German Studies at The Ohio State University

Join one of the most vibrant and intellectually diverse German graduate programs in the United States! As part of a large public university, we are committed to bringing the humanities to all people. Our program encompasses literary, cultural, and intellectual history of German-speaking areas and people, as well as applied linguistics, from a variety of innovative approaches and interdisciplinary perspectives.

Intellectual and Professional Community

- Faculty and students with wide-ranging research interests and methodological approaches
- Rich program of lectures, workshops & conferences
- New Umwelt Center for Germanic Studies and Environmental Humanities, with research, funding, and publishing opportunities
- Graduate association and annual student-run conference
- Public engagement by faculty, in alignment with Ohio State’s mission
- Comprehensive and caring graduate mentorship
- Professionalization and career support
- Visiting scholar program with the University of Bonn, Germany

Graduate Faculty and Research

J.-J. Aupiais: Post- and decolonial German Studies, transnational literary studies, translation studies
M. Birkhold: Law, culture, and the humanities, environmental humanities, German literature 1750-1945, Indigenous studies
K. Byram: Narrative theory, ecocriticism, gender and cultural memory, German literature 1848-present
J. Davidson: Film aesthetics and ecocriticism, gender and cultural memory, German literature 1848-present
A. Grotans: Medieval Studies, Latin and German Paleography, Medieval Education, Language Contact in the Middle Ages
M. Kaplan: Old Norse-Icelandic literature, folk legend and rumor, folklore on and off the internet
M. Mergenthaler: Poetry (17th century-present), literary and aesthetic theory, criticism, ecocriticism
C. D. Porter: Body Studies, Comparative Media Analysis, German and African Diaspora Studies
P. Reitter: German-Jewish culture, history of higher education, fin-de-siècle Europe, translation studies
C. Taleghani-Nikazm: Applied linguistics, conversation analysis, interactional competence in second language

Funding, Opportunities, and Outcomes

- Six years of guaranteed funding for students entering the M.A./Ph.D. program; four years of guaranteed funding for students with an M.A. who start directly in the Ph.D. program
- Competitive funding packages composed of a health insurance subsidy of 100%, tuition and fee waivers, and teaching fellowships
- Graduate travel funds to present at professional conferences
- Additional, competitive 1-year fellowships, summer stipends and positions
- Funded one-year study abroad fellowship to attend the TU Dresden
- Broad teaching opportunities, from elementary to upper-level language & culture courses
- Alumni employed in a variety of fulfilling academic and non-academic careers
- Location in the attractive and affordable city of Columbus, Ohio

How to Apply

We welcome students from across the world with strong academic records and an established interest in German. Applicants must hold a B.A. or international equivalent and be proficient in English and German. To join the department in August 2024, apply by January 15, 2024.
To be considered for the campus-wide fellowship competition, apply by December 12, 2023.
Go to: https://germanic.osu.edu/application-form
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