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Carmen:

The proposal from the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures to revise the German major leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on July 23, 2026. Thank you for attending the meeting to respond to questions/comments.

No additional level of internal review/approval is necessary. This action will be included in the Council's next Annual Activities Report to the University Senate (July 2026).

The Office of the University Registrar will work with you on any implementation issues.

Please keep a copy of this message for your file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions please contact the Chair of the Council, Professor Sue Sutherland (.43), or me.

I wish you success with this important program development.

Randy



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[Revision Bachelor of Arts German Revision 04-21-2026.pdf](#)
[Revision Bachelor of Arts German Letter of Motion.pdf](#)

Dear Randy and Katie,

Please find attached a proposal to revise the German BA. The ASC Curriculum Committee (ASCC) approved the revision on Friday, April 24, 2026.

We are now advancing the proposal for review by CAA. The attached documents are: (1) the actual proposal and (2) the Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 1 cover letter to ASCC .

Please use this email as a cover letter indicating that the proposal has been duly reviewed and approved by the appropriate ASC curricular bodies (including the full ASC Curriculum Committee).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,
Bernadette



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April 21, 2026

Dear Chair and Members of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee:

On April 7, 2026 the Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 1 reviewed a request from the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures (GLL) to modify the German major. The requested changes are as follows:

- Redistributing the Embedded Literacies across already-required major coursework;
- Removing German 3689: Words Across the World from the list of required core courses for the major, decreasing the core credit hour requirement from 15 to 12 hours;
- Reducing the number of required elective credit hours from 6 to 3 hours;
- Revising and updating two courses, German 3602: German for the Professions 1 and German 4602: German for the Professions 2;
- Replacing German 4603: Translation 2 with a new course, German 4604: From the German: Translation in the 21st Century;
- Removing from the major German 3603: Translation 1; German 4250: German Literature, Art, and Film; German 4350: German Culture Studies, Social and Intellectual History; and German 4650: German Language and Linguistics

These changes are motivated by a desire to incorporate newly designed and approved courses into the major, ensure embedded literacies in major coursework, and decrease the overall required credit hours for the major from 36 to 30 hours, making it more feasible for students to pursue German as a second major or convert a German minor into a major. Learning goals and outcomes for the major will not be impacted, nor will the major assessment plan. Staff are prepared to support the revision. Current majors will be allowed to continue with the previous major or adopt the new one if they wish.

A&H Subcommittee 1 voted unanimously to approve the request with one contingency that has since been addressed. The proposal is now advanced to the ASCC with a motion to approve.

Warm regards,

Tom Dugdale
Associate Professor
Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts
Chair, ASC A&H Subcommittee 1



February 24, 2026

Dear Members of the ASC Curriculum Committee,

The Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures (GLL) would like to make small changes to its German major. The changes have been discussed by the Undergraduate Studies Committee and approved by the Departmental Council and me. The primary goal of these changes are to: a) include our newly developed courses into our major, b) develop a transparent system regarding embedded literacies in our courses, c) lower the credit hours from 36 to 30 to hopefully make it more feasible for students to add German as their second major, d) make a conversion from minor to major more feasible.

Please note that these changes will not affect goals and learning outcomes for the German major as they remain the same. Similarly, there will be no changes to the major assessment plan. We would like the changes to take effect AU26. Since these changes are rather small, our advisor, Andy Spencer, will work with individual students who have started in our current major in making adjustments to their course plan. Students already in the major will be allowed to switch to the new curriculum if they so desire.

Below please find a list of desired changes to the German major:

1. Embedded literacies: This change involves embedding the technology, writing and data literacies into our current required major courses. One notable difference from the current major is that students will not be required to take German 3689 (or Slavic 4530 or Linguistics 2051) in order to complete the data literacy requirement.

We have added the Technology Embedded Literacy to German 2350 since all German majors are required to take this course and it is also popular course for German minors. It will also be part of a German Major Track to be proposed in Fall Semester. Technology literacy has also already been a theme of this course.

We have added the Technology Embedded Literacy to German 3102 and German 3510, we have added the Data Analysis Embedded Literacy to German 3600, German 3510, and German 4600. The reason is to allow both German majors and minors flexibility in selecting the courses that fulfill the Embedded Literacy requirements, and because these literacies have also already been themes of these courses.

2. We have removed the GE course German 3689 from the core requirements of the major in order to reduce the core credit hour requirements from 15 to 12 credit.

3. Elective hours will be reduced from 6 to 3 credit hours. Going forward, students will be able to count their one major elective course in English. Previously students had to select two courses (6 ch) as electives and one of the courses had to be taught in German. Please note that the additional German course in English must be at the 2000-level and above. (Students who wish to complete their elective by taking a class offered in German can continue to do so.)



4. We have reworked two courses, German 3602 and 4602 and given them new numbers, 3510 and 5602. The new courses have the same general content as the previous courses with a few changes that better reflect the needs of today's students. We will withdraw German 3602 and German 4602 from curriculum.osu.edu.

5. We are replacing German 4603 Translation 2 with German 4604: From the German: Translation in the 21st Century. The course is currently going through the approval process.

6. We are no longer offering German 3603 Translation 1 (3 ch; taught in German) and will withdraw the course from curriculum.osu.edu. We will offer only offer one translation course, German 4604. German 4603 will be withdrawn from curriculum.osu.edu.

7. We are no longer offering the 4x50 level German courses German 4250, German 4350, and German 4650, and have removed them from the major. They were to be offered in English and did not enroll.

I am attaching two documents: a) a description of our current major and b) a description of the major with these changes. The changes are highlighted when possible for an easier comparison.

Warm regards,

Carmen Taleghani-Nikazm

Chair and Professor, Germanic Languages and Literatures

The German Major at Ohio State

⇒ Prerequisites /12 *credit hours* :

- German 1101 German I or equivalent
- German 1102 German II or equivalent
- German 1103 German III or equivalent

⇒ Core Requirements /15 *credit hours* :

- **German 2101** Texts and Contexts I: Contemporary German Language, Culture and Society (3 ch; prerequisite German 1103 or equivalent; taught in German)
- **German 2102** Texts and Contexts II: 20th –Century German Language, History and Culture (3 ch; prerequisite German 2101 or equivalent; taught in German)
- **German 3101** Texts and Contexts III: Historical Perspectives (3 ch; prerequisite German 2102 or equivalent; taught in German; **fulfills Technology Embedded Literacy**)
- **German 2350** Introduction to German Studies (3 ch; *taught in English*; **fulfills Advanced Writing Embedded Literacy**)
- **German 3689** Words Across the World (3 ch; GE Theme *taught in English*) OR **Slavic 4530** Hacking Slavic Literatures: Literary Analysis in the Digital Age (3 ch; *taught in English*) OR **Linguistics 2051** (3 ch; *taught in English*) **one of these to fulfill Data Analysis Embedded Literacy**

⇒⇒ Mid-level Requirements (choose three classes = 9 *credit hours*) :

The prerequisite for all 3000-level topics courses is German **2102**

- **German 3102** News and Views: Conversations about Current Issues in the German-Speaking World (3 ch; taught in German)
- **German 3200** Topics in German Literature, Art and Film (3 ch; taught in German)
- **German 3300** Topics in German Culture Studies, Social and Intellectual History (3 ch; taught in German)
- **German 3600** Topics in German Language and Linguistics (3 ch; taught in German)
- **German 3602** German for the Professions 1 (3 ch; taught in German)
- **German 3603** Translation 1 (3 ch; taught in German)

⇒⇒⇒ **Advanced Requirements / 6 credit hours** : Choose two courses; both can come from list 1 below; one course *may* come from list 2 below

1. German 4xxx Senior Seminar in German (3 cr.; prerequisite German 3101 and one further 3000-level course or permission of instructor, sr. standing; taught in German):
 - **German 4200** German Literature, Art and Film
 - **German 4300** German Culture Studies, Social and Intellectual History
 - **German 4600** German Linguistics/Language
 - **German 4602** German for the Professions 2
 - **German 4603** Translation 2
2. German 4x50 Senior Seminar in German Studies (English) (3 cr.; prerequisite jr. or sr. standing; taught in English):
 - **German 4250** German Literature, Art and Film
 - **German 4350** German Culture Studies, Social and Intellectual History
 - **German 4650** German Language and Linguistics

→ **Electives / 6 credit hours** :

- You may fulfill your 6 credit-hour elective requirement by completing **two courses with at least 6 ch.** The courses can be any course in German at the 3000, 4000, or 5000 level, and all German GE courses (2000, 3000 and 4000 level), as well as German study abroad courses, internship courses, thesis research courses, or individual studies courses. (Please note the prerequisites of the courses and, in case you want to repeat a course, whether it is repeatable.)
- Only one of your selections may be a course taught in English.
- Courses in the **GE Foundations** can be used to fulfill either the elective category or the GE category, but not both.
- Single majors may overlap **two GE Theme Courses (in two different themes)** with elective courses in the German major.
- Students with double or multiple majors may overlap two GE Theme courses with elective courses in the German major. For further details, please consult with Dr. Spencer(.4)
- If completing a dual degree, please consult with Dr. Spencer(.4) regarding overlap rules.

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The German Major at Ohio State

⇒ Prerequisites /12 credit hours :

- German 1101 German I or equivalent
- German 1102 German II or equivalent
- German 1103 German III or equivalent

Thereafter 30 credit hours

⇒ Core Requirements /12 credit hours :

- **German 2101** Texts and Contexts I: Contemporary German Language, Culture and Society
(3 ch; prerequisite German 1103 or equivalent; taught in German)
- **German 2102** Texts and Contexts II: 20th –Century German Language, History and Culture
(3 ch; prerequisite German 2101 or equivalent; taught in German)
- **German 3101** Texts and Contexts III: Historical Perspectives
(3 ch; prerequisite German 2102 or equivalent; taught in German; **fulfills Technology Embedded Literacy**)
- **German 2350** Introduction to German Studies
(3 ch; taught in English; **fulfills Advanced Writing and Technology Embedded Literacy as well as AI Fluency**)

⇒⇒ Mid-level Requirements (choose three classes = 9 credit hours) :

The prerequisite for all 3000-level topics courses is German **2102**

- **German 3102** News and Views: Conversations about Current Issues in the German-Speaking World (3 ch; taught in German; **Technology Embedded Literacy**)
- **German 3200** Topics in German Literature, Art and Film (3 ch; taught in German; repeatable up to six credits)
- **German 3300** Topics in German Culture Studies, Social and Intellectual History (3 ch; taught in German; repeatable up to six credits)
- **German 3600** Topics in German Language and Linguistics (**Data Analysis Embedded Literacy**; repeatable up to six credits)
(3 ch; taught in German)
- **German 3510** ALI German for the Professions (3 ch; **Data Analysis and Technology Embedded Literacy**)

⇒⇒⇒ Advanced Requirements / 6 credit hours:

1. Choose two from this group:
 - **German 4200** German Literature, Art and Film
 - **German 4300** German Culture Studies, Social and Intellectual History
 - **German 4600** German Linguistics/Language (**fulfills Data Analysis Embedded Literacy**)
 - **German 4604** From the German: Translation in the 21st Century
 - **German 5602** German for the Professional World

→ Elective / 3 credit hours:

- You may fulfill your 3 credit-hour elective requirement by completing **one course with at least 3 ch.** The course can be any course in German at the 3000, 4000, or 5000 level, and all German GE courses (2000, 3000 and 4000 level), as well as German study abroad courses, internship courses, thesis research courses, or individual studies courses. (Please note the prerequisites of the courses and, in case you want to repeat a course, whether it is repeatable.)
- Courses in the **GE Foundations** can be used to fulfill either the elective category or the GE category, but not both.
- Single majors may overlap their one elective course with a **GE Theme Course**.
- Students with double or multiple majors may do the same. For further details, please consult with Dr. Spencer(.4)
- If completing a dual degree, please consult with Dr. Spencer(.4) regarding overlap rules.

Summary of embedded literacy requirements:

Advanced Writing: German 2350

Technology: German 3101 or 2350 or 3102 or 3510

Data Analysis: German 3600 or 3510 or 4600

AI Fluency: German 2350