

ROWAN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES

GERMAN STUDIES MINOR

Beginning in the year 9 A.D., when Germanic tribes defeated Roman legions in the pivotal “Battle of the Teutoburg Forest,” thereby creating a space for German civilization and culture to develop in the centuries thereafter, through the period of migrations (“Völkerwanderungszeit”), the Middle Ages, the Reformation, the 18th-century Enlightenment, 19th-century Romanticism, unification with the 1870-71 Franco-Prussian War, the rise of fascism in the 20th century, the calamities of two world wars, etc., German contributions to literature, philosophy, art, the social sciences and history have had a tremendous impact on Western civilization and the world generally.

The German Studies Minor is open to all students and should be of particular interest to students pursuing a career where knowledge of a second language is desirable. The program may be declared in the World Languages Department in Bunce Hall, Suite 305, with Christine Larsen-Britt (larsen-britt@rowan.edu) in Suite 218, Bunce Hall, at the University Advising Center, Suite 323, Savitz Hall, or at the Registrar’s Office, Suite 121, Savitz Hall.

The Minor consists of 6 courses (18 credits). Students are required to take at least 3 and a maximum of 5 courses within the German language component of the program. Elective courses in other departments can be used toward the Minor:

Courses taught in German:

Elementary German I	(GERM 03.101)
Elementary German II	(GERM 03.102)
Intermediate German I	(GERM 03.201)
Intermediate German II	(GERM 03.211)
German Reading & Composition	(GERM 03.212)
Advanced German Conversation	(GERM 03.311)
Independent Study in German	(GERM 03.435)
German Civilization & Culture	(GERM 03.320)
Special Topics in Foreign Languages & Literatures	(GERM 03.440)

Courses taught in English (The following electives can be taken concurrently with language courses):

Masterpieces of German Literature in English Translation (LIT)	(GERM 03.100)
Geography of Europe	(GEOG 06.342)
Twentieth Century Europe I	(HIST 05.315)
Jewish Holocaust 1933-1945	(HIST 05.406)
Sociology of the Holocaust (WI)	(SOC 08.399)
German Philosophy (Topics in the History of Philosophy)	(PHIL 09.372)
German Cinema (Special Topics in Radio/TV/Film)	(RTF 01.402)

* All courses must be passed with a letter grade of C- or better. No courses can be taken P/NC.

* Credits may be transferred into the Minor, including from study abroad, Advanced Placement, or the CLEP Exam (up to 9 s.h. in place of “Elementary German I,” “Elementary German II,” and “Intermediate German I”).

* Students with existing proficiency in German should contact Dr. Edward C. Smith III (smithe@rowan.edu) for a placement interview. Students may earn the credits for any skipped courses via the Authorization for Credit by Examination process and these credits are counted in fulfillment of program requirements.

* Students planning to study abroad must meet with the German Studies Minor Advisor in order to determine course equivalents.