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College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies

# 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. Studying German helps to develop transferable skills, such as oral and written expression, presentation skills and text analysis. 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, and Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice programmes, or as an option on 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 | BSc (Biotechnology with German) / Bachelor of Science |
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| **CAO Code:** | GY101 / GY129 | GY128 | GY203 | GY251 / GY250 / GY252 / GY254 | 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 06/07 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.<br><br>*minimum grade O6/H7 Mathematics required for GY250 | Minimum H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at 06/07 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

Germany is a very important trading partner for almost all European and for many non-European countries. The ability to communicate well in spoken and written German therefore brings many employment opportunities. Our students go on to pursue a wide variety of careers, including in education, media and communications, marketing, and translation and interpreting.

## What Our Students Say

"I knew that the University of Galway was for me when I spoke to staff at the German stand on Open Day. Their passion and talent for the language are unparalleled, and they have enthusiastically helped me to pursue my individual interests in both language and culture. My Erasmus year in Frankfurt was a highlight of my studies. In Final Year we had the opportunity to put on a play in German, which was such an amazing experience."

**-Luke Butterfield, BA International Graduate, 2024**

## 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.

**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.

**Bachelor of Commerce International (German)**
In first year, students take courses such as Accounting, Economics, Marketing, Management and Mathematics as well as German. In second year, knowledge of business and German is furthered through the advancement of those subjects studied in first year. In the final year, students choose Accounting, Economics, Human Resources, Management Information Systems or Marketing as their specialism while continuing their study of the German language.

**Bachelor of Civil Law / Law (BCL) and Business / Law (BCL) and Human Rights / Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice**
German is offered on the Bachelor of Civil Law, Law and Business, Law (BCL) and Human Rights, Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice 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 have 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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