



German Studies

In the German Studies Department at Puget Sound, students explore the diverse and fascinating mentalities of German speakers with the goal of developing foreign language competence, an appreciation for diversity, and cross-cultural awareness. Courses in German Studies cover many topics and historical periods, and complement many academic fields of study.

Students choose from courses covering topics such as identity formation and stereotypes; nationalism, war, and legacies of fascism; minority cultures, integration, and global migration; Germany's increasing importance within the EU; politics and cultural history of Germany and Eastern Europe; German cinema from its beginnings to today; theory and practice of drama, including a public performance in German; science, technology, and pop culture; and representations of nature and the environment.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Students have a wide array of opportunities to use their German skills, including group excursions to Leavenworth, local museum trips, film screenings, communal dinner and game nights, a student-run teaching program at a local elementary school, and German Stammtisch. Study abroad options include Munich, Freiburg, and Berlin. In addition, we regularly invite guest artists from Germany.

AFTER PUGET SOUND

Faculty members in German Studies assist students looking for internships, careers in Germany, or continued education in graduate school from art and history to politics, business, and engineering. Recent graduates have found jobs or internships with social media firms and start-ups, received prestigious fellowships (DAAD, Fulbright, Congress-Bundestag Exchange), and found teaching positions in Germany.

For more information on courses and major requirements, visit pugetsound.edu/germanstudies or contact Professor Kristopher Imbrigotta at kimbrigotta@pugetsound.edu.



SPOTLIGHT ON EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

CONN 330—Finding Germany: Memory, History, and Identity in Berlin

This interdisciplinary course is taught in English and includes a faculty-led study-abroad component in Berlin for five exciting weeks during summer, where the city becomes our classroom. Topics include history, the arts scene, popular culture, memory discourses, urban renewal, politics, and multiculturalism.



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