

Germanic Studies (PhD)

All students in the graduate program take a core of required courses. In consultation with the graduate advisor, each student chooses a concentration to aid in the choice of electives. Concentrations are developed by students in consultation with the graduate program to accommodate their individual career goals and interests. Students' concentrations may include courses from outside the department that are related to the major area of study.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Admission

Entering graduate students must have a bachelor's degree (or the equivalent from a university outside the United States), ordinarily with a major in German or the appropriate Germanic language.

Total Hours Required: 27

Requirements

The doctoral program usually requires 27 semester hours of coursework beyond the master's degree. In consultation with the graduate advisor, students develop primary and supporting areas of specialization, with the primary area usually being the area of the proposed dissertation. These areas should represent professionally acknowledged focuses for research and teaching in the field, covering the broad spectrum of literature, cultural, and linguistic specializations represented in the major professional organizations.

Students are expected to complete the core program for the Master of Arts degree or its equivalent before final admission to the doctoral program (including demonstrated reading competence in an additional foreign language, as described above). Students must fulfill the following requirements:

1. successfully complete the qualifying procedure to confirm entrance into the doctoral program, administered by the Graduate Studies Committee;
2. demonstrate reading competence in one additional foreign language other than German or the language of concentration;
3. near the completion of all coursework, pass the candidacy procedure; and
4. defend the completed dissertation in the final oral examination.

Code	Title	Hours
All students must also follow the following requirements and policies:		
Graduate Liberal Arts Requirements		
Graduate University Requirements		