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**The German Minor**
The minor in German requires six credit units. Students must choose at least three classes in German at or above the 200-level, including GRMN 203. Two credits may be taken in translation or from an approved study-abroad program.

**Study Abroad in Berlin**
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- GRMN 318, Foreign Exchanges
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- GRMN 355, Jugendliteratur
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- GRMN 378, Foreign in Germany
- GRMN 379, Decadence
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Elective courses may be taken in English or German. Among others, we offer:
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- GRMN 151, Fantastic & Uncanny
- GRMN 152, Metropolis
- GRMN 153, Heroes, Minstrels, Knights
- GRMN 155, Freud
- GRMN 168, Nazi Cinema
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- GRMN 170, Censored!
- GRMN 172, Autobiographical Writing
- GRMN 219, Business German Micro
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- GRMN 250, Sustainability and Utopianism
- GRMN 284, Translating Cultures

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