Goals and Objectives

The goal of the Master of Arts in World Language - German program is to improve the cultural knowledge and linguistic proficiency of students, enhancing their professional skills and/or preparing them for further graduate study.

General objectives of the program include:

1. Development of advanced-high level skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing in the chosen foreign language;

2. Analysis of current cultural patterns, literary material and/or technical information; and

3. Acquisition of research skills.
Admission Requirements

1. Candidates must hold undergraduate majors or minors in the language of their specialization, with an overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 and a grade point average of 3.0 in courses in the target language.

2. Candidates must complete an oral proficiency interview in the language of their specialization with a rating of “advanced low.”

Conditional admission may be granted to candidates with deficiencies in target language proficiency. Such candidates must successfully complete deficiency courses including, but not limited to, GERN 443 - German Syntax and Advanced Composition and GERN 444 - Advanced German Conversation. Graduate credit will not be granted for these courses.

3. Applications will be reviewed by the faculty of the German program.

Program Requirements

Students in all programs must complete a cultural immersion experience of at least six weeks in a German-speaking country. Students may satisfy this requirement through an EMU study abroad program in German, or through participation in a similar program of study sponsored by another accredited US university upon approval of the faculty of the German Program. Students should select a study abroad program in consultation with a faculty advisor prior to enrollment in any such program. Students who believe they have already fulfilled this requirement through previous experience may petition to have the requirement waived or reduced; if the petition is approved, the candidate may substitute up to six hours of restricted electives for the international study experience. Students must, in consultation with the teacher, complete a master’s research project in the FLAN 650 - Graduate Research Seminar course.

Course Requirements

The M.A. in German requires 30 hours of course work to be distributed among required courses and restricted elective courses: For the full List of Course Requirements for the Master of Arts in German Program go to: http://www.emich.edu/graduate/degrees_programs/