



Romance, German, Russian Languages and Literatures
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Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in the MA program in German Studies at CSULB.

We are pleased to inform you about the program and to provide you with all of the information you require.

Please also visit the program website:

<http://www.cla.csulb.edu/departments/rgrll/german/m-a-in-german-studies/>

We are happy to answer any further questions you might have via email at the address below.

Sincerely,

Professor Jeffrey L. High
German Graduate Advisor
Professor of German Studies
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M.A. PROGRAM IN GERMAN



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I. PROGRAM

The German faculty are wholly dedicated to excellence in teaching and research. Their fields of specialization appear below:

- Dr. Jeffrey L. High, PhD from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
Professor of German Studies
 - *Specialization:* Enlightenment Literature and Intellectual History, Friedrich Schiller, Drama, and Prose
- Dr. Nele Hempel-Lamer, PhD from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
Professor of German Studies
 - *Specialization:* Contemporary German and Austrian Literature und Culture, Translation, Drama, and Poetry
- Dr. Markus Muller, PhD from UCLA
Associate Professor and Teaching Coordinator
 - *Specialization:* 19th century French literature and the fantastic; Foreign Language Pedagogy.

II. PREREQUISITES AND REQUIREMENTS

A. Prerequisites for unconditional admittance into the program

1. Either a BA degree in German or 18 units of upper-level undergraduate core coursework in German or its equivalent, acceptable course preparation or remedial work to be decided in consultation with the Graduate Advisor.
2. 3.0 minimum GPA in the major. Please note that a 3.0 GPA does not guarantee admission.
3. Candidates must pass the CSULB Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE).

B. Program Requirements

1. Courses

Total: 30 400-600 level units (with a minimum of 24 at the 500-600 level and a minimum of 18 of these taken at the Long Beach Campus) and two years of a second foreign language other than German or English. Classes taken at any level below 500 for graduate credit are discouraged, with some exceptions. Students should consult with the Graduate Advisor before selecting classes.

The 600-level teaching methodology course is an optional class and does not count toward the major, but does allow you to potentially become a T.A. in the German program. The foreign language requirement (4 semesters / intermediate proficiency) may be met at a different university or may have been met before arriving to the program. Transcripts from the fourth semester are required for verification: minimum grade of B required.

2. Exams

All students take comprehensive written exams in three areas. Each exam is two hours long. Students who pass the written exams are then invited to a one-hour oral exam.

We advise students to consider which areas they wish to specialize in from the beginning of their coursework to help them appropriately choose classes that will directly or indirectly prepare them for the exams. Exams are taken after the 30 units are completed. The foreign language requirement does not have to be met for students to be able to take the exams, but students cannot graduate until those courses are completed.

3. Transfer Credits

We allow up to six units (two classes) to be transferred from other accredited M.A. programs. Syllabi, course descriptions, and coursework must be presented to the Graduate Advisor for consideration of the transfer. Courses need to be in German Studies and need to relate to program of study.

4. Application

A. Application Requirements

You must apply ***twice***: both to the department and to the university.

B. Departmental Application

As stated on the Application Form available on our website, we require that students turn in 4 items to the attention of the Graduate Advisor:

1. Official copies of all transcripts of university-level study; Unofficial transcripts for CSULB students.
2. A 1-2 page statement of purpose in English related to the applicant's goals;
3. A photocopy of an essay (3-10 pages) in German that has been turned in and graded in a previous course. If you do not have such a paper, please contact the Graduate Advisor for permission to write a paper on any topic related to the course of study in the M.A. program. We will ask for verification that you wrote this paper.
4. Two letters of recommendation which attest to the candidate's academic performance and ability.
5. Program application form appears at the bottom of this document. University application materials appear at: <http://www.csumentor.edu/>

C. Departmental Deadlines

5pm on November 1 for spring admission.

5pm on June 1 for fall admission.

If the 1st falls on a weekend, 5pm on Monday after the 1st of the month becomes the deadline.

D. University Application

You need to apply to the university ***before*** applying to the department. To apply, visit:

<http://www.csumentor.edu/>

For university deadlines, visit:

http://web.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/admissions/application_status.html

E. Admissions Decisions

Decisions are made by the Graduate Advisors. You will receive an email with a notification of your acceptance or denial into the program.

F. What to Do if Accepted

If you are accepted, you need to follow the instructions on the advising memo you receive from the graduate advisor. You will need to accept your admission (“Intent to enroll”) via CSU Mentor (the admissions system through which you applied) and contact the Graduate Advisor regarding your intent to accept or decline your admission.

We have graduate orientation sessions to help students get oriented to the program and to help ensure everyone’s successful completion of one of the strongest German M.A. programs in the United States. We invite you to apply and to contact us with questions.

5. How to Take Classes If You Miss the Application Deadline

There is a way for you to take classes in German if you missed the application deadline and still want to start taking classes. Here is what you need to do:

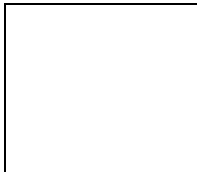
1. Visit University Extension Services and click on Open University. The link is:
<http://www.ccpe.csulb.edu/openuniversity/>
2. Contact the German Graduate Advisor for input on which course or courses you should take.
3. Remember that taking classes in the program without being admitted yet is a good way to get to know the professors, students, and the program. However, it is not a guarantee that you will be admitted.

Questions?

Contact the Graduate Advisor:

Professor Jeffrey L. High (jeffrey.high@csulb.edu)

Application Form
German M.A. Program, California State University, Long Beach



Note: Before turning in materials to the department, you should be sure to apply to the university for admission. Visit: <http://www.csumentor.edu/>

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell/other: _____

E-mail: _____ Date of application: _____

Semester to begin study: Fall _____ Spring _____ Year _____

Current job or position:

_____ Student [If so, where? _____]

_____ Teacher [Where? _____]

_____ Other [Please explain: _____]

Submit the following materials with this application form to the Graduate Advisor,

1. A corrected essay from one of your upper level German courses. It should have professor's comments and a grade on it. If you do not have a B.A. or minor in German or such a paper, you need to submit a 3-10 page essay related to a topic relevant to the M.A. program courses.
2. A short (2-3 page) Statement of Purpose in English or German explaining your personal/professional goals and history in a way that makes clear why getting an M.A. in our program will help you meet those goals.
3. Official transcripts sent to the attention of the German Graduate Advisor, Department of RGRLL. If you graduated from CSULB, these do not have to be official.
4. Two letters of recommendation that attest to the candidate's academic performance and ability.

FAQ's

- **Application deadlines:** June 1 for fall admissions; November 1 for spring.
- **When will I be notified?** The Graduate Advisors will notify you via email ~two weeks after deadline.
- **What should I do if I am admitted?** Follow instructions on the memo you receive from the advisor, familiarize yourself with the program by visiting the website, and attend orientation.
- **What classes should I take my first semester?** We recommend taking no more than three classes. For those interested in being a Teaching Associate in future semesters, RGR601 is required (offered in the fall). You should also consider starting the four-semester requirement of a second language. You may take the first 3 semesters of that language pass/fail.

Questions? Ask the Graduate Advisor, Dr. Jeffrey L. High (jeffrey.high@csulb.edu).

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