



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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EARN A MASTER'S DEGREE IN GERMAN STUDIES WHILE TEACHING AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

An overview of our program:

Features: The University of Missouri features one of the strongest North American terminal-M.A. programs offered in German Studies. Our faculty holds a wide range of interdisciplinary specializations, and its members are prominent in the national and international academic communities. Students benefit from small seminar settings and sustained contact with faculty members. Some of our M.A. graduates pursue careers in academia and have competed successfully for positions in Ph.D. programs; others devote themselves to the teaching of German or leverage their knowledge of German cultural history to advance in the fields of government, law, and business.

Program Overview: The M.A. program is typically completed in two years, with students enrolling in three graduate seminars or independent study courses each semester. At the end of the fourth semester, students take a comprehensive exam or submit and defend a master's thesis.

Faculty: The German Studies faculty consists of seven research and teaching professors who hold specializations in various aspects of German literary and cultural studies including film studies, media theory, digital humanities, and aesthetics; German philosophy, critical theory, and intellectual history; German-Jewish cultural studies, German-Eastern European relations, and Holocaust studies; interdisciplinary neuroscience and eco-criticism; memory studies and death studies; refugee and migration studies, German colonialism, Turkish-German studies, and the cultural history of the African diaspora in Germany; second-language acquisition, new media, technology, and pedagogy. Students often work individually with faculty members to specialize in topics of interest.

Graduate Teaching Instructorships: In the first year, our Graduate Instructors (GIs) teach one language course (German for beginners) per semester. The course takes place daily—Monday to Friday for 50 minutes—and follows a general curriculum that is developed together with the help of our Teaching Coordinator. This gives GIs both teaching and class planning experience. In the

second year, GIs have the opportunity to teach additional courses in our language and culture sequence.

Financial Overview: Students who are awarded Graduate Instructorships are granted tuition waivers (and thus do not pay university tuition). In addition, they receive a health care package and a salary of approximately \$18,500 per academic year. Because the cost of living in Columbia is comparatively low, this salary covers modest housing and personal expenses, as well as the student facility fees, which amount to approximately \$500 per semester.

Requirements: As the minimum basis for application, students must have excellent language skills in both German and English (international students must submit a TOEFL score or a designated alternative); they must have a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in German studies or a related field; and they should have a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Timeline: The priority deadline for applications to the German program is January 15, 2025. Applications received by this deadline have the best chances of receiving a Graduate Instructorship and may also be eligible for additional university-level grants. Applications received after January 15 will be reviewed for unfunded spaces in the program but will be considered for funded positions should any become available. The fall semester begins in mid-August. Students should plan to arrive in Columbia on August 1, 2025.

Our website: <https://sllc.missouri.edu/german/grad>

Here, you will find links to faculty profiles and more detailed information about program policies.

The MU online application portal can be found here:

<https://applygrad.missouri.edu/apply/>

If you have any questions about our program or the application process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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