

# GERMAN THOUGHT AND LITERATURE (MA)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/german/>)

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## Program Description

NYU's re-envisioned MA in German Thought and Literature provides students with the opportunity to deepen their study of literature, critical theory, philosophy, psychoanalysis, and media theory. The program is specifically tailored to students attracted to German thought and literature from other fields, or who are still in the process of learning the German language. Students can expect to explore their intellectual interests in graduate seminars alongside PhD students while also improving their language skills as a prerequisite for any serious scholarly work with German texts. MA students are fully integrated into the graduate community (<https://as.nyu.edu/nyu-as/as/departments/german/graduate/the-graduate-program.html>) and encouraged to take part proactively in departmental programming and other social and intellectual activities.

The MA in German Thought and Literature is a rewarding stand-alone program while also offering an excellent steppingstone to PhD programs in German and related disciplines. Students may concentrate their electives towards Certificate Programs (<https://as.nyu.edu/nyu-as/as/departments/german/graduate/the-graduate-program/certificate-programs.html>) such as Poetics & Theory or Museum Studies or develop a focus in Public Humanities (<https://as.nyu.edu/departments/phide/certificate-programs.html>).

## Admissions

All applicants to the Graduate School of Arts and Science (GSAS) are required to submit the general application requirements (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc.html>), which include:

- Academic Transcripts (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/academic-transcripts.html>)
- Test Scores (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/test-scores.html>) (if required)
- Applicant Statements (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/statements.html>)
- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae
- Letters of Recommendation (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/letters-of-recommendation.html>), and
- A non-refundable application fee (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/admissions/arc.html#fee>).

See German (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/admissions/arc/programs/german.html>) for admission requirements and instructions specific to this program.

## Program Requirements

The MA program consists of 32 credits (eight courses) of graduate work, with a minimum of 24 credits in residence at New York University.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
<i>Electives</i>		
Select eight German Elective courses by advisement		32
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>32</b>

## Additional Program Requirements

### Master's Thesis

Students must complete a master's thesis between 50-80 pages.

## Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
<b>1st Semester/Term</b>		
Graduate Seminar in German		4
Graduate Seminar in German		4
Graduate Seminar Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>2nd Semester/Term</b>		
Graduate Seminar in German		4
Graduate Seminar in German		4
Elective Course		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>3rd Semester/Term</b>		
Graduate Seminar in German		4
Graduate Seminar Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>4th Semester/Term</b>		
M.A. Thesis		
<b>Credits</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>32</b>

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will have:

1. Knowledge of key topics in German literature and culture since 1750.
2. Fluency in key areas of German critical thought and philosophy.
3. Familiarity with literary theory, media theory, and psychoanalysis with an emphasis on transdisciplinary approaches.
4. Thorough preparation to apply for a PhD program in German Studies or related field.

## Policies

### NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

### Graduate School of Arts and Science Policies

Academic Policies for the Graduate School of Arts and Science can be found on the Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).