German

Description of Major
The purpose of the German curriculum is to introduce students to the language, literature, and culture of German-speaking countries. The courses are designed to promote a global perspective by encouraging students to take a close look at another culture and in this way become aware of both the diversity and similarity among all people.

Skills
A liberal arts education and study in a particular major will lead to the acquisition of a group of skills which enable one to solve problems, communicate effectively, and perform complicated tasks. These skills are essential in any career. The following is a list of important and commonly agreed upon career skills identified by UMM German faculty as a part of the project to Improve Public Understanding of Liberal Learning (IMPULL). The skills are those which all or most students studying German are likely to acquire through classroom instruction, co-curricular or extra-curricular activities.

Leadership/Management Skills:
- judging
- applying data
- taking risks
- initiating projects or ideas
- identifying alternative courses of action
- understanding the feelings of others
- identifying the critical issues and making decisions quickly and accurately

- conceptualizing
- organizing
- analyzing
- making and keeping a schedule
- managing time, energy and resources effectively
- using tact, diplomacy, discretion

Communication/Writing Skills:
- comprehending written material
- persuading others to accept ideas
- speaking effectively to groups
- demonstrating premises and reasoning to their conclusion
- translating written material
- using creative writing techniques
- identifying and communication value judgments effectively
- articularness
- written linguistic skills in foreign languages
- informing
- instruction
- ability to hear and answer questions perceptively
- teaching a skill, concept or principle to others

- writing effectively
- speaking effectively to another individual
- using argumentation techniques to persuade others
- writing factual material clearly and concisely
- critiquing, editing, proofreading
- expressing one's wants, needs, opinions and preferences without violating the rights of others
- expressing one's feeling appropriately
- verbal linguistic skills in foreign languages
- briefing
- explaining
- advising
- discussion group leadership
- group dynamics

Research/Analytical Skills:
- sorting data and objects
- cataloging information
- understanding and using organizing principles
- developing new approaches to problems
- conducting surveys and interviews
- organizing and classifying
- breaking down principles into parts
- perceiving and defining cause and effect relationships
- applying appropriate methods to test the validity of data
- formulating questions to clarify a particular problem or issue
- analyzing the interrelationships of events and ideas from several perspectives

- compiling and selecting information
- applying information creatively to solve specific problems
- evaluating information against appropriate standards
- analyzing and evaluating ideas and presentations
- reading editing
- gathering information
- reviewing large amounts of material and extracting essence
- using a variety of sources of information
- identifying information sources appropriate to special needs or problems

Artistic/Creative Skills:
- creative writing
- sensitivity of and appreciation of beauty in the environment
- skill in symbol formation
- dealing creatively with symbols or images
- aware of the value of symbolism

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**Jobs Obtained by UMM German Graduates**

Studies conducted by the UMM Career Center have shown that graduates obtain jobs that are both related to their major and jobs that may not be formally related to the major. About 19% of the German graduates from 1964-1998 said their job was in the same field or related to their undergraduate major. Other studies have shown that liberal arts graduates find employment that makes use of their skills, special knowledge, values, and interests, even though the employment field may not be related to their academic major. Listed below are some jobs obtained by UMM German graduates:

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There are many occupations that do not require a specific undergraduate major; they are often learned as a result of on-the-job training rather than prior education. What is sought among prospective employees is the development of certain skills and abilities that can be developed not only through an academic major but through courses taken as part of one's general education, and through internships, directed studies, tutorials, seminars, study abroad, work-study and summer employment, and volunteer experiences.

**Foreign Languages** (Adobe Acrobat Supplement)
**Graduate/Professional Schools in German**
**Links to German Jobs**
**FSU Match Major Sheets**
German Links

German Career Information:
- Pittsburg U
- Bowling Green State University
- UNCWIL

German Career Information Links:
- Bilingual-Jobs.com