

German Option Application Form

Dear Student,

The German Option is a way of taking a course in a department like History, Philosophy, Theology or Economics and counting it toward the German Major. This can be done by contracting with the professor of the course to do additional reading and writing in German on topics related to the course. It may also include a final conversation in German with the professor. This option is meant primarily for students who are trying to complete a German major or minor but are having some difficulty fitting things in before graduation. Please consult with the instructor of the course before completing this form. Normally no more than one German option may count toward the course requirements to graduate with a German major or minor. The course which you intend to take with the German Option must treat some aspect of German history, culture, literature, the arts, or social thought. When you have completed this form, please e-mail it to Mark Thamert, Chair of the German Program. The professor of the course being taught will then receive more information about the German Option.

Students and instructors will be notified of the approval of this proposal as proposals are received, normally within one week.

Name: _____ *ID Number:* _____ *Phone:* _____
Major(s): _____ *Minor(s):* _____ *Year of Graduation:* _____
Department, Number and Title of Course (e.g., HIST 344: Modern Germany): _____
Term: _____
Professor of the Course: _____ *Date of Professor's agreeing to the German Option:* _____
German Professor-Liaison: _____ *Date of German Prof's agreeing to the German Option:* Mark Thamert
Reason you want to take this course under the German Option (Convince us that you cannot fit in all the regular German classes you need!): _____

Please read the following guidelines before filling out this application.

1. To qualify for the German Option, there should be **at least ten pages of graded written work - completed in German -- usually as a substitute for part of the written work assigned for the course.** The form of this writing (research, critical essays, etc.) will depend on the course, but it should be based on readings on topics related to German history, culture, literature or social thought. The professor of the course may also assign readings and a final oral interview in German as appropriate.
2. The German program will provide the instructor with a form for final evaluation at the end of the term. Following the guidelines for German Option projects, **teachers are reminded that the student's grade for the course is based on regularly required course work, regardless of the quality of the German Option project. If the project does not merit German Option credit, the German Program may simply deny German Option credit, or withhold it until a satisfactory revision is completed. This does not affect or delay the grade for the course.**

Describe what you will do for the German Option: