



# Why study German?

## WHY STUDY GERMAN?

With 90-98 million native speakers, German is a very widely-spoken language in Europe. It is the first language of Germany and Austria and an official language in Switzerland and Liechtenstein. German speakers are very much in demand on the job market. German is actually a very logical language, and many words are quite similar to English. Studying German equips you with linguistic proficiency as well as cultural and analytical awareness – key requirements for many employers in today's world – and also gives you important transferable skills.

## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You will learn to communicate effectively in German: spoken and written. You will also discover the rich heritage of the German-speaking countries through cultural modules exploring literature, society, cinema, history, philosophy and the arts, from the eighteenth century right up to the present.

## CAREER & GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

Studying German offers a wide range of career opportunities. Many of our graduates have been very successful in fields as diverse as education, journalism, broadcasting, international business, advertising and marketing, tourism, the diplomatic service, civil and public service and, of course, in academic and research communities.



CAO Code	BA Modern Languages (DN541)	BA Joint Honours (DN520)	BA Humanities - Languages, Linguistics and Cultures, European or Global Studies (DN530)	BEd Education with Gaeilge & Modern Languages (DN760)	BComm International German minor + Commerce major (DN660)	BSc Social Sciences German minor + Politics, Economics or Sociology major (DN700)
<b>Length of course</b>	As a major: 4 Years (includes compulsory Erasmus year)	As a major: 4 years with Erasmus, 3 without	As a major: 4 Years (includes internship/study abroad)	As a major: 4 Years (includes placement/study abroad)	As a minor: 4 years (includes compulsory Erasmus year)	As a minor: 4 years (includes compulsory Erasmus year)
<b>Entry requirements</b>	O6/H7 in English, Irish, a third language and three other recognised subjects				O2/H6 Maths, O6/H7 in English, Irish, a third language and 2 other recognised subjects	O6/H7 in English, Irish, Maths and 3 other recognised subjects
<b>Special entry requirements</b>	For the non-beginners level a minimum of H4 grade in Leaving Certificate German or equivalent is strongly recommended.					

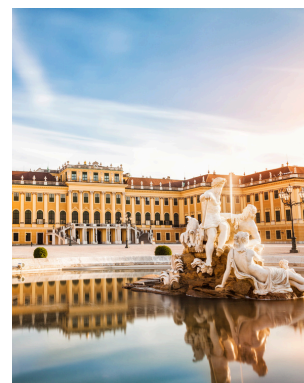
### INTERNATIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

We strongly recommend that students avail of the opportunity to study for a year in Germany or Austria, gaining first-hand personal experience of interacting in a German-speaking environment, making many new contacts, and improving your academic performance. We have 10 partner universities from which to choose. The cost of living in Germany or Austria is far lower than in Dublin and the ERASMUS grant covers some of the costs.



### EXPANDING LINGUISTIC & CULTURAL HORIZONS

The choice to study German at UCD (either as a complete beginner or as a non-beginner) offers many opportunities, both personal and professional. Language competency forms a bridge between the familiar “home” culture and the less familiar and exciting target culture, and expanding your linguistic and cultural horizons opens many doors. Whatever you choose to do on graduating from UCD, a degree in German will offer you a firm foundation and a broad perspective.



### STUDENT TESTIMONIES

“Studying German at UCD has shaped the best years of my life so far. I chose from an extensive range of interesting and diverse modules that intensified my interest in German culture. I spent an incredible and eye-opening year on ERASMUS. The degree has opened up a huge spectrum of opportunities to me. Since fewer Irish students choose to study German, there is less competition amongst German-speaking candidates!”

*Laura Cater (BA International)*

“As an ex-beginner in German, I won’t pretend I wasn’t nervous going into my ERASMUS year at the Freie Universität in Berlin! The experience was important and transformative for me in so many ways, and I remain truly glad that I took the plunge to spend a year studying and living in Germany!”

*Seán O’Keeffe (BA International Modern Languages)*



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