

# German

BA [Hons] [NFQ Level 8]



## CAO Code

**DN500**

Joint Hons  
Full time

**DN501**

Joint Hons  
Part time

CAO Points Range 2013	335 — 575
Length of Course	BA Hons (3 Years) BA Intl (4 Years, including one year of study abroad)
Average Intake	60

**Entry Requirements** English • Irish • A third language • Three other recognised subjects

**Leaving Certificate** Passes in six subjects including those shown above, of which two must be minimum HC3

**A-Level/GCSE 2013** ACC [A-Level] or equivalent  
Passes [GCSE Grade C or above] in six recognised subjects including those above, of which two must be minimum Grade C or above at A-Level  
Irish Language Exemption applies, see p175

**Other EU Applicants** See [www.ucd.ie/myucd/eu](http://www.ucd.ie/myucd/eu)

**Non-EU Applicants** See [www.ucd.ie/myucd/noneu](http://www.ucd.ie/myucd/noneu)

**Level 5/6 FETAC Entry Routes** — Yes, see [www.ucd.ie/myucd/fetac](http://www.ucd.ie/myucd/fetac)

**Level 6/7 Progression Routes** — None

**Mature Entry Route** — Yes, see p178

**Special Entry Recommendation** In first year, two streams are offered: one for students with no previous exposure to German; and another for those who hold a recommended HC3 or higher in Leaving Certificate German, or equivalent.

## Choosing German

German can be taken as part of a BA Joint Honours degree, either full time [DN500] or part time [DN501]. Opportunities exist for suitably qualified students to spend an extra year abroad and graduate with a BA [International]. If you wish to reach the level of linguistic proficiency required by employers, we recommend that you opt for the four-year BA [International] degree. Alternatively, if you wish to study more than one language, with a year abroad, consider DN541 International Languages (see page 48). Review the other subjects you can study with German by looking at the diagram on page 33. Details of how to apply for these combinations, as part of DN500, are on page 185.

## Why is this subject for me?

German is the most widely spoken first language in Europe, and, in economic terms, Germany's strength is undisputed. Studying German therefore offers an array of cultural and business opportunities. Our teaching involves not only the language, but also the arts and culture of the German-speaking countries, equipping graduates with valuable intercultural understanding and key transferable skills.

## What will I study?

Core language and introductory literature modules are studied each year, as well as a range of modules in literature, history, translation and culture. Examples of modules include:

### First Year

German Language • German Language ab initio • Introduction to German Literature • Introduction to German Linguistics & Translation • German Political Culture



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## Second & Third Year

German Language • 19th Century German Literature • Modernist German Literature • Translation English-German & German-English • Dürrenmatt's Detective Novels • German-speaking Enlightenment • Contemporary German Prose • Youth and Cruelty in German Modernist Literature • Europe: Conflict & Co-operation

German is taught in lectures, classes and through independent study and recommended reading. Project work or group work may also feature.

Most modules have one major assessment component such as an essay or an examination paper, plus one or more smaller continuous assessment components.

## Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

German is a passport to global careers. Our graduates have found lucrative employment in many different areas including:

Advertising/Business/Finance • Civil/Diplomatic service • International relations • Journalism • Politics • Teaching • Translation • Academia and research • Careers in the EU

A BA in German is an ideal pathway to graduate study. Our graduate programmes include the MA in Modern Languages, MA in Applied Linguistics, MA in European Regional & Minority Cultures and MLitt in German. We also offer supervision for doctoral research in a range of specialised areas.

## International Study Opportunities

The additional year abroad for the BA International can be spent at one of the following of our partner institutions:

Bayreuth • Berlin [FU] • Bozen [South Tirol] • Erlangen • Graz • Konstanz • Leipzig • Münster • Munich • Potsdam • Vienna • Würzburg

Places may be limited and preference will be given to those with better results.



Laura  
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STUDENT

Studying German at UCD has shaped the best few 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. My language classes at UCD enabled me to adapt quickly to speaking German constantly while abroad and I was soon able to speak fluently enough to work there without any language difficulties. The degree has opened a huge spectrum

of opportunities to me: language skills are much in demand for many jobs both abroad and in Ireland. Since fewer Irish students choose to study German, there is less competition amongst German-speaking candidates like me!

## Find out more

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## Other courses of interest

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