

Double Major in Economics and German at UCI

- Distinguish yourself to become more competitive on the job market after graduation
- Take courses in German language, literature, culture, politics, history, and German for the professions
- Study abroad and intern in Germany and still finish your degree in 4 years
- Work with companies and colleagues outside the United States to gain an advantage in today's market

“Taking German classes at UCI changed the way I became as a thinker. The great books we read and the way the classes were taught opened up my mind vastly. I became an efficient thinker and my writing skills got better over time, thanks to the dedication and love of the subjects taught by my great professors. I’m grateful that I majored in German.” - current student

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Global leadership starts here.

Program of Study

Students fulfill the School of Social Sciences' requirements and the requirements for the Economics major.

Students also fulfill the requirements for the German major. In addition to completing the German 1ABC and 2ABC sequences,* the typical German major will take ES 10 and ES 11, 6 upper-division courses taught in German, and 4 upper-division courses taught in English, two of which can also fulfill the upper-division elective requirement for the Economics major.**

Students must complete the Humanities Core Course or the Humanities Core Course alternative, most of which overlap with lower division writing and Gen. Ed. IV requirements.

In order to complete the double major in 4 years, you need to plan ahead, so consult your advisor right away to develop a course plan.

* Students with high school German or other experience with the language may place into German 2 or straight into upper-division, dependent on experience, years of instruction, and/or placement by UCI placement exam.

** Students double majoring in German and Economics complete the requirements of both majors, but they are allowed to double count two courses. Economics 164A or 164AW, The Industrial Revolution in Western Europe, and an additional upper-division Economics course focused on Germany taken in the Study Abroad program may count toward both majors.

Sample Schedule for Economics/German major with Junior Year Study Abroad and Internship

Freshman		
Fall	Winter	Spring
Econ 20a	Econ 20b	Intro Soc Sci
Math 2a	Math 2b	Math 4
Hum Core	Hum Core	Hum Core
Sophomore		
Fall	Winter	Spring
Econ 15a	Econ 15b	Econ 122a
Econ 100a	Econ 100b	Econ 100c
GE II	Soc Sci 3a	ES 10
Intro Soc Sci	Ger 1ab	Ger 1bc
Junior Year in Germany UCEAP		
Summer	Winter	Spring
Ger 2A	UD Econ-German*	Ger 197
Ger 2B	UD Econ	(Internship)
Ger 2C	Ger 102	
	Ger 103	
Senior		
Fall	Winter	Spring
GE II	Econ 164aw*	GE II
UD Econ	UD Econ	UD Econ
Ger 150	ES 11	Ger 150
Ger 105	Ger 102	Ger 103

* Fulfills major requirements for both Economics and German.



Study Abroad

Study abroad options through UCEAP include full-year immersion, summer, spring, fall-winter, and winter-spring programs in Berlin at the Free University, the Humboldt University, and the Technical University.

Internships

Internships are also available to students who request this option in advance and engage in the necessary preparation and planning. The internship program involves participation in Study Abroad in fall and winter in Berlin, and then an internship in the spring and summer of the junior year.

Why German?

Learn about the literatures, philosophy, history, and culture of German-speaking countries in small classes with close connection to peers and professors.

The German and U.S. governments offer scholarships through programs such as the Fulbright program, the German Academic Exchange Service, and the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange.

German companies are global leaders in their industries with branches through the U.S. and the world, including firms such as Adidas, Aldi, Allianz, BASF, Bayer, Bertelsmann (including Random House), BMW, Bosch, Daimler (including Mercedes-Benz), Deutsche Bank, Hochtief, Hugo Boss, Liebherr, Lufthansa, Melitta, Montblanc, SAP, Siemens, T-Mobile, ThyssenKrupp, and Volkswagen (including Audi and Porsche).

Germany is the largest European trading partner with the U.S., with over 2000 U.S. companies conducting business in German-speaking countries.

Set yourself apart from other graduates through your work experience in Germany and your demonstrated ability to adapt to new cultures and contexts.