

Double Major in Political Science 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 Political Science 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 Political Science 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 Political Science and German complete the requirements of both majors, but they are allowed to double count two courses. Such courses include Political Science 152C (German Politics and Society), German 150/Political Science 139 (Terrorism and Totalitarianism), or an upper-division Political Science course focused on Germany taken in the Study Abroad program.

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

Freshman		
Fall	Winter	Spring
Pol Sci 6A	Pol Sci 6B	Pol Sci 6C
GE II	GE II	Soc Sci 3A
Hum Core	Hum Core	Hum Core
Sophomore		
Fall	Winter	Spring
Pol Sci 31A	Pol Sci 51A	Linguistics 3
Soc Sci 10a	Soc Sci 10b	Soc Sci 10c
ES 10	ES 11	GE II
Ger 1A	Ger 1B	Ger 1C
Junior Year		
Fall (Intensive Language in Berlin)	Winter (UCEAP Berlin)	Spring
Ger 2A	UD Pol Sci-German*	Ger 197
Ger 2B	UD Pol Sci	Internship
Ger 2C	Ger 102	
	Ger 150	
Senior		
Fall	Winter	Spring
Pol Sci 152c*	UD Pol Sci	UD Pol Sci
UD Pol Sci	UD Pol Sci	UD Soc Sci
UD Pol Sci	Ger 150	UD Soc Sci
Ger 101	Ger 102	Ger 103

* Fulfills major requirements for both International Studies 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.

