The Max Kade German House (Living Learning Center) provides housing for undergraduate students above the first-year level in German. The house serves as an immersion environment where German is spoken exclusively. Every month, a different faculty member has dinner at the house; faculty also serve as advisors. The home is the cultural hub for German Club film nights, poetry readings, visiting lecturers and more.

THE MAX KADE GERMAN HOUSE

The Ohio State University Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures offers a comprehensive course of study that covers literary and cultural studies, intellectual history and German for the professions as well as in-depth specializations that include film studies, aesthetic philosophy, gender studies, cognitive studies, minority literature, ecocriticism, second language studies, Germanic linguistics, Scandinavian Studies, and Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies.

BY THE NUMBERS

Undergraduates: 50 majors; 150 minors; 2,200 enrolled in courses
Graduate Students: 26
Faculty: 15

DEGREE PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE
Major: German
Minors: German, Scandinavian Studies, and Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies

GRADUATE
MA and PhD: German, Yiddish and Ashkenazic Studies

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

• Undergraduate German Club
  • Kaffeestunde
  • Stammtisch
  • Theatre Productions
  • Film Series

• Germanic Graduate Student Assoc.
• Saga Club
• Scandinavian Club

SUPPORT US

• Henry Kratz Jr. Fund – 480961 (supports graduate student research in German)
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ALUMNI OF NOTE

Tricia Fellinger (MA, German, 1995) was selected as the 2010 international Teacher of the Year by the Columbus Council on World Affairs. Fellinger teaches German at Upper Arlington High School in Columbus. Fellinger is in charge of an especially strong German program and works in close collaboration with her colleagues in the UA High School global language department.

This was the first time in the ten-year history of the Council on World Affairs Award that the honoree has been a language educator.

Our students are not only ‘international students’ – they are students who are becoming international. They are becoming speakers of another language and are gaining a deep understanding of another culture. That’s what being international means. German-speaking countries don’t have massive economic or population growth. But Germany’s economy is still the fifth largest in the world, and a quick look at recent newspaper headlines will tell you that it’s a key economic and political power.

(Katra Byram, assistant professor)

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

The Study Abroad Program in Bonn, Germany, offers either an academic year or a semester program of integrated studies with native speakers of German.

The Dresden Summer Programs include an eight-week, intensive language and culture course taught by Ohio State faculty and TAs and hosted by Dresden’s Technical University; and four or eight-week advanced language programs offered at the Goethe institute, Dresden.

Intensive language programs are offered abroad in Uppsala, Sweden (Swedish) and Vilnius, Lithuania (Yiddish). Internship opportunities in Europe are also available.

THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Students have the opportunity to learn and conduct original research alongside internationally recognized professors in areas ranging from drama, film, literature, and literary theory, to philosophy, art, architecture and second language studies. Many students are double majors and combine their interests in German with International Studies, Business or other fields.