School of Languages, Cultures and Societies
FACULTY OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND CULTURES

German at Leeds
UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
GERMAN AT LEEDS

You will join one of the largest and most vibrant German departments in the country. We are a close-knit community of scholars, and students and staff engage at the highest academic level with the language, culture and history of German-speaking countries. Our links to employers locally as well as abroad will provide many opportunities throughout your degree and after graduation.

German at the University of Leeds is one of the largest and most vibrant German departments in the country.

You will work with experts in their specialist fields, giving you access to cutting-edge research about their specialist interests. Regular talks by guest speakers and practitioners, including visits by contemporary German-language authors and professional translators, bring the subject to life and will give you the opportunity to discuss your studies in a friendly, informal environment.

Our active German Society offers weekly Kaffee und Kuchen and monthly Stammtisch meetings as well as other social and sporting activities, including an annual trip to Berlin to visit the Christmas markets, the “Sauerkraut” Football Cup and theatrical productions.

- German at Leeds ranked 12th in the UK Complete University Guide 2018)
- Modern languages and linguistics at Leeds ranked 10th in the UK (The Guardian University league tables 2017)
- The University is among top 5 universities targeted by employers (High Fliers 2017)

Our students go on to work for major organisations such as Deutsche Bank, Siemens, KPMG and the UK Civil Service, and many return to Leeds to offer support, advice and opportunities for our current students. Some of our students continue to postgraduate study at Leeds or another institution.

A Leeds German degree combines intensive language training with the study of German history, literature and film and offers the opportunity for independent research into those areas of German culture that interest you the most.
Germany has enormous political and economic influence within the European Union and is the fourth largest economy in the world. German is widely spoken in Central and Eastern Europe and fluency in German coupled with a detailed knowledge of German culture will make you extremely attractive to employers. Studying German at Leeds will enable you to become as fluent as it is possible for you to be in the language and give you access to a fascinating and highly influential culture. This course offers great choice in what you study, allowing you to combine core language competence with optional modules in literature, film, society and history as well as aspects of applied language such as translation and professional German. Throughout your course you will be able to choose from modules that are taught and assessed in English or in German.

At Level 1, the core language module involves small-group teaching and lectures to consolidate and practise written and spoken skills. A core module will provide a framework for understanding what is most significant about Germany today. Optional modules cover translation, language structure and literature. Across all these modules you will learn what it means to be a Germanist today – what questions do we ask and how do we answer them?

At Level 2, you continue with your core language module and are carefully prepared for your time overseas through teaching on German culture, society and behaviour. Optional modules cover politics and culture in post-unification Germany, German cinema, art and literature and specialist and applied German language.

“I love how close-knit German at Leeds is; students really do know their lecturers so it isn’t a problem when you need help with work.”

Lauren Cowgill
BA German

If you study single honours German you will spend your third year abroad either studying, working as a Language Assistant or on a work placement with a German-speaking company. If you study joint honours German you will also spend time abroad.

At Level 3, you consolidate the language fluency gained on your time abroad and choose from a wide range of modules in literature, society and culture. You will complete your major research project and choose from modules covering translation skills, literature, history and cinema.
A joint honours degree allows you to study the same core topics as students on a single honours course, but you will take fewer optional and discovery modules so you can fit in both subjects. You will also undertake a major research project in either subject in your final year.

The intellectual range of such a degree, together with the organisational skill in combining two subject areas, makes you very attractive to employers. Our courses allow you to study your chosen subjects in depth, and graduate with an honours degree covering two disciplines. All joint honours degrees with German are parented and administered by the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies. We will allocate you a personal tutor who will help guide your module choices and offer support, as well as act as a point of contact for references.

**BA Liberal Arts**
You can study German as your major for this degree. Find out more at [www.leeds.ac.uk/liberal-arts](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/liberal-arts)
Both single and joint honours students will have a compulsory residence abroad in a German-speaking country. This is one of the most important parts of your degree as it will provide you with an important insight into contemporary German culture and a high level of German, up to near-native fluency over a wide range of registers. This is an excellent basis for success in your final year studies. You will be thoroughly prepared for the linguistic and practical challenges of living abroad throughout your first year, with specialised support from the residence abroad tutor and returning students.

If you study single honours German, or a German joint honours combination with a non-language subject, you will spend a year in Germany or in another German-speaking country. If you study a two-language joint honours course, you will normally spend a year in one of the countries whose language you are studying, and a term in a country in which your other language is spoken.

**University placement**
Studying in Germany is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling experience. You can study at a German university and follow specially designed courses, or choose to study at other universities where we have links.

**British Council Language Assistant**
You can choose to spend the year working as an English language assistant which involves teaching English in a German-speaking school.

**Work placement**
It may be possible to take a work placement in one of the companies with which we have links, or propose your own placement. You will be supported throughout your placement year to gain invaluable skills in a graduate-level job.

Check [www.leeds.ac.uk/courses](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/courses) for more information on work placement availability.

**A German degree at Leeds involves a period abroad in a German-speaking country.**

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**German at Leeds**
Entry requirements

For BA German (R220) the standard entry requirement is ABB including B in German.

Joint honours entry requirements vary by course, for more information see www.leeds.ac.uk/courses

All applications must be made through UCAS by 15 January for admission the following September. www.ucas.com

Access to Leeds

Access to Leeds, the University's widening access scheme, guarantees special consideration if you have personal circumstances that have affected your ability to demonstrate your talent and potential through grades alone.

Applicants to the scheme who receive a standard offer will also receive an Access to Leeds offer of two A-level grades (or equivalent) below the standard offer. To find out more visit www.leeds.ac.uk/accesstoleeds

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