

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**  
**MASTER OF ARTS IN GERMAN STUDIES**

The German Summer School of New Mexico in Taos Ski Valley offers an M.A. in German Studies. This summer program is an integral part of the German program of the Dept. of Foreign Languages & Literatures at the University of New Mexico.

The M.A. in German Studies provides an interdisciplinary foundation designed to prepare students to work in pertinent fields including secondary school teaching, translation work, and also to enter doctoral programs in German. German language proficiency equivalent to that of an undergraduate major is required for entering candidates. M.A. candidates may choose between two plans: under Plan I, they are required to complete 24 hours of course work plus 6 thesis hours; under Plan II, they are required to complete 32 hours of course work without thesis. The comprehensive exams involve a more extensive written component for Plan II. Core requirements include a theory course (3 credit hours) and a Professional Development Colloquium (MLANG 501, 1 credit hour). Four semesters (or 12 credit hours) of another foreign language or its equivalent are required of all M.A. candidates.

**PLAN I: WITH THESIS**

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- 1) 24 credit hours of graduate course work (must include: 3 credit hours Critical Theory  
1 credit hour Professional Development (= Magisterseminar))
- 2) 4-semester sequence of course work in another foreign language (does not count toward graduate course work).  
Can be substituted by a proficiency examination or proof of knowledge acquired elsewhere.
- 3) 6 credit hours of thesis
- 4) Comprehensive oral examination in German (one hour)

Unless the M.A. candidate takes all the required course work on campus there are 4 different options to satisfy these requirements:

- Option 1: 4 Summer School sessions (e.g. 6 CH each plus 6 thesis hours during regular academic year)
- Option 2: 3 Summer School sessions plus 6 hours of course work at UNM (plus 6 thesis hours)
- Option 3: 2 Summer School sessions plus 12 hours of course work at UNM (plus 6 thesis hours)
- Option 4: 1 Summer School session plus 18 hours of course work at UNM (plus 6 thesis hours)

- Only 3 credit hours of independent study may be applied towards the degree.
- Students may take up to six hours of appropriate graduate course work outside their graduate unit.
- With the approval of the student's graduate unit, a maximum of 50% of course work required for a M.A. degree may consist of a combination of applied/transfer credits, but can not include more than 6 credit hours in non-degree status.
- The six thesis hours may be taken by correspondence, but a candidate must also be enrolled at UNM during the regular semester until the completion of his/her thesis.

**PLAN II: WITHOUT THESIS**

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- 1) 32 credit hours of graduate course work (must include: 3 credit hours Critical Theory  
1 credit hour Professional Development (= Magisterseminar))
- 2) 4-semester sequence of course work in another foreign language (does not count toward graduate course work).  
Can be substituted by a proficiency examination or proof of knowledge acquired elsewhere.
- 3) Submission of a thesis-quality paper of at least 15 pages
- 4) Final comprehensive examination to be taken on two consecutive days at the end of the program:
  - PART A (first day): 4 hour written examinations in German
  - PART B (second day): an oral examination in German (one hour)

Unless the M.A. candidate takes all the required course work on campus there are 4 different options to satisfy these requirements:

- Option 1: 5 Summer School sessions
- Option 2: 4 Summer School sessions plus 6 hours of course work at UNM
- Option 3: 3 Summer School sessions plus 12 hours of course work at UNM
- Option 4: 2 Summer School sessions plus 20 hours of course work at UNM
- Option 5: 1 Summer School session plus 26 hours of course work at UNM

- Only 6 credit hours of independent study may be applied towards the degree.
- Students may take up to six hours of appropriate graduate course work outside their graduate unit.
- With the approval of the student's graduate unit, a maximum of 50% of course work required for a M.A. degree may consist of a combination of applied/transfer credits, but can not include more than 6 credit hours in non-degree status.

For more detailed information on the course of studies consult the FLL's Graduate Manual at <http://fill.unm.edu/graduate/manual.php>.

### **GENERAL RULES UNDER BOTH PLANS:**

Unless specified otherwise, the M.A. in German Studies is governed by the general guidelines of the Office of Graduate Studies at UNM, as well as those of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. Students are to follow all University rules and regulations pertaining to graduate study at the University of New Mexico, and the specific academic requirements of their particular degree program. They are also expected to track their academic standing at all times. Please refer to graduate information in the UNM Catalog <http://www.unm.edu/~unmreg/catalog.htm>, and to the Graduate Manual of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

In consultation with an advisor, students may choose an interdisciplinary program concentrating in a specific area of German Studies, such as literature, language teaching methodology, linguistics, history, philosophy, arts, music, political science, economics, etc. Certain courses (critical theory, professional development) are required of all students. The language proficiency of all M.A. candidates must equal that of the Goethe-Institut Zertifikat C1. This exam is administered each summer at the German Summer School in Taos.

**Special regulations concerning repeated summer studies at Taos Ski Valley:** If a candidate attends all required summers without interruption, he/she need only be admitted to UNM once at the beginning of his/her studies. If a candidate cannot attend every consecutive summer, he/she has to petition for leave of absence or he/she has to apply for READMISSION after each interruption of the course of summer studies. There is no exception to this rule.

**Seven-Year Rule:** M.A. candidates at UNM need to finish their degree within seven calendar years from the beginning of their graduate studies. This rule also applies to students who only study during summer sessions.

**Students interested in pursuing their M.A. through the German Summer School** are allowed to participate in Non-Degree status for one session only. Continuing students have to apply for acceptance into the Graduate Program through UNM's Office of Graduate Studies (OGS; <http://www.unm.edu/~grad/>). This is in addition to applying to the German Summer School.

For more information on application go the website of OGS at <http://www.unm.edu/~grad/admissions/admissions.html> (or call Admissions at 505-277-8900 or OGS at 505-277-2711).

**PLEASE NOTE:**

All application materials (including unofficial transcripts) need to be uploaded to the online application: <http://www.unm.edu/apply/>

However, the Office of Admissions requires official transcripts in order to admit a student at UNM.

The application to the German Summer School needs to be sent directly to the German Summer School office.