UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

BA (Hons)

German

UCAS code R220

Entry requirements	Study mode	Duration	
A level: BBB	Full-time	4 years	Apply by: **13 January 2027** Starts on: **27 September 2027**

About this course

German is a major language of business, commerce and science, as well as the gateway to understanding a vibrant modern multicultural society with a rich and complex past and influential cultural output. We will help you not only to become highly proficient in writing, reading, speaking and listening to contemporary German, but also to understand the society, history, politics, linguistics, culture, literature and cinema of Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

Introduction

German graduates are some of the most highly sought after by employers, and our German students are particularly well-placed to achieve their full potential in the workplace.

Whilst the perfection of language skills is at the heart of modern languages degrees in Liverpool, all of our degrees demand full intellectual engagement with a wide selection of areas in German studies. We research and teach German history, culture, literature and film from the 19th to 21st centuries, as well as linguistics, translation, and much more.

Our students participate in a number of extracurricular activities, including the regular writer-in-residence programme, the annual translation workshop organised across the Department, a weekly ‘Stammtisch’, and the student-led German-language online publication. They regularly win prestigious DAAD Summer School Grants.

What you'll learn

- The ability to communicate appropriately, fluently and accurately in a number of personal and professional contexts in German
- Linguistic principles required to analyse the German language
- Detailed study of literary and other cultural texts and contexts to develop a broad knowledge and critical understanding of the cultures, communities and societies in which German is spoken
- The ability to contexualise a broad range of materials in written and spoken German
- Analytic engagement with texts
- Oral and written presentation skills in both your native language and German

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year one

Student must take either GRMN100B or GRMN100U.

Students with A level German or equivalent should normally take GRMN100U. Students with no previous experience of learning German, or with qualifications below A level, should normally take GRMN100B.

Students without formal qualifications (GCSE or A level), but with prior knowledge of a language and/or higher levels of linguistic ability on account of heritage, extended periods of residency in a relevant country, or similar experience and exposure, may be permitted to take a higher-level language module, subject to agreement of the relevant Subject Lead.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGES AND CULTURES (MODL150)	15
LANGUAGE AWARENESS (MODL105)	15
INTRODUCTION TO GERMAN STUDIES: THE MAKING OF BERLIN (GRMN150)	15
TEXTS AND THEIR ADAPTATIONS: PROJECT MODULE (MODL125)	15

Optional modules	Credits
BEGINNERS GERMAN (GRMN100B)	30

Optional modules	Credits
UPPER-INTERMEDIATE GERMAN (GRMN100U)	30
BEGINNERS CHINESE (CHIN100B)	30
INTERMEDIATE CHINESE (CHIN200I)	30
BEGINNERS FRENCH (FREN100B)	30
UPPER-INTERMEDIATE FRENCH (FREN100U)	30
BEGINNERS ITALIAN (ITAL100B)	30
UPPER-INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN (ITAL100U)	30
BEGINNERS PORTUGUESE (PORT100B)	30
BEGINNERS SPANISH (SPAN100B)	30
UPPER-INTERMEDIATE SPANISH (SPAN100U)	30
GLOBAL FILM HISTORY (FILM108)	15
EARLY MODERN WORLDS AND PEOPLES: 1400 - 1800 (HIST108)	15
INTRODUCTION TO WORLD LITERATURE 1: PLACES AND LOCATIONS (WLIT101)	15
GLOBAL FILM HISTORY II: 1960S TO THE PRESENT (FILM109)	15
PEOPLE, POWER AND POLITICS: APPROACHES TO MODERN BRITISH HISTORY C. 1880-2016 (HIST116)	15
INTRODUCTION TO WORLD LITERATURE 2: THEORY AND PRACTICE (ENGL120)	15

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Year two

Language modules should continue from those taken in year one (i.e. students who took GRMN100B should take GRMN200I; students who took GRMN100U should take GRMN200A).

Students take 30 credits of optional modules in semester one and 15 credits of optional modules in semester two.

MODL200 is a placement module for which you can register directly. You will be contacted in due course with details of a placement.

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Compulsory modules	Credits
WEIMAR FILM AND LITERATURE: THE CITY AND MODERNITY (GRMN218)	15
THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC: POLITICS, CULTURE, MEMORY (GRMN220)	15
EXTENDED PROJECT IN MODERN LANGUAGES (MODL250)	15

Optional modules	Credits
INTERMEDIATE GERMAN (GRMN200I)	30

Optional modules	Credits
ADVANCED GERMAN (GRMN200A)	30
THE CINEMATIC CITY (FILM201)	15
GLOBAL PUBLIC SPACES: RESISTANCE, JUSTICE AND HERITAGE (MODL230)	15
MULTILINGUAL LIVERPOOL: READING THE CITY (MODL234)	15
MUSEUMS AND MUSEOLOGY: HISTORIES, PRACTICES AND FUTURES (HIST283)	15
PROPAGANDA AND CENSORSHIP (FILM202)	15
LANGUAGE TEACHING: THEORY AND PRACTICE (MODL200)	15

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Year three

Required Year Abroad during which students can opt for one of three pathways, which have different forms of assessment.

The Year Abroad carries 120 credits (at Level 5) and counts for 10% of the final degree classification.

Students should spend a minimum of seven months in a German-speaking country, and can also choose to split this between two different pathways. Where students are unable to complete the minimum term abroad due to exceptional travel or international

restrictions, an alternative Year Abroad programme will be put in place which meets the same learning outcomes.

Students who are unable to meet the minimum term abroad for personal reasons should discuss this directly with the Director of the Year Abroad. If learning outcomes cannot be met, students will need to transfer onto a three-year programme of Modern Language Studies.

- Pathway 1 - a course of study at a recognized academic institution in a German-speaking country, assessed by MODL215 and/or MODL216
- Pathway 2 - work as a British Council English-Language teaching assistant in a German-speaking country, assessed by MODL220 (semester one) and/or MODL221 (semester two) . The student is guided in their choice of subject matter by their Year Abroad supervisor
- Pathway 3 - independent work placement in a German speaking country, assessed by MODL220 (semester one) and/or MODL221 (semester two). The student is guided in their choice of subject matter by their Year Abroad supervisor.

Modules

Optional modules	Credits
YEAR ABROAD SEMESTER 1 (STUDY IN EUROPE) (MODL215)	60
YEAR ABROAD PORTFOLIO (SEMESTER 1) (MODL220)	60
YEAR ABROAD SEMESTER 2 (STUDY IN EUROPE) (MODL216)	60
YEAR ABROAD PORTFOLIO (SEMESTER 2) (MODL221)	60

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Year four

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
PROFICIENT GERMAN (GRMN300P)	30
DISSERTATION (MODL307)	30

Optional modules	Credits
BERLIN/HOLLYWOOD: DIALOGUES BETWEEN GERMAN AND US CINEMA (FILM303)	15
TERROR REMEMBERED: REPRESENTING TRAUMATIC HISTORIES IN LATIN AMERICA, EUROPE AND ASIA (MODL304)	15
TRANSLATION THEORY AND PRACTICE (MODL311)	15
REMEMBERING SLAVERY (MODL332)	15
LANGUAGE AND SOCIETY (GRMN313)	15
TRANSNATIONAL CINEMA (FILM301)	15
TRANSLATION PROJECT (MODL312)	15
COMICS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS: MEMORY AND TRANSCULTURAL MOBILITY (MODL326)	15

Optional modules	Credits
SCREENING TEXTS (MODL328)	15

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Combined degree

Choosing this subject as a combined degree

If you split your degree between German and another subject area, you will study a German language module, at beginners or advanced level, and a cultural module per semester, alongside two other modules in your other subject.

If you combine German with a non-language subject, you will spend the year abroad in a German speaking country as an assistant in a school, as a student at a university or on a work placement. If you combine German with another language, you will split the year between two countries.

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

You will be taught through a combination of lectures, seminars and small-group language classes in a supportive environment where regular feedback is provided on assessed work. Language teaching takes place in small groups with first-language speakers of German, and focuses on developing skills in speaking, listening, reading, writing, translation and interpreting.

Students are encouraged to become independent learners through engagement with digital learning materials, language laboratory activities, and a wide range of German-

language cultural resources. Teaching in cultural and historical modules combines lectures with seminar discussion, presentations and collaborative activities.

A year abroad in a German-speaking country provides valuable opportunities to enhance language proficiency, intercultural understanding and professional skills. Students are also supported through the Language Lounge, Academic Advisors, library resources and dedicated study skills support.

How you're assessed

Performance throughout the programme is carefully monitored through a combination of continuous and formal assessment. Language modules include a variety of written and oral assessments such as class tests, presentations, translations, coursework, oral examinations and written examinations. Assessment is designed to evaluate students' ability to understand, communicate and use German effectively in a range of contexts.

Other modules use a mixture of essays, source analyses, presentations and project work. Students may also complete a range of authentic assessments, including reports, podcasts, videos and other practical tasks designed to develop professional and digital skills. Feedback is provided throughout the programme to support student progress and development.

The year abroad contributes 10% of the final degree classification, with second-year work contributing 20% and final-year work contributing 70%. Final-year students also complete an independent research project.

Liverpool Learning Framework

At Liverpool, we take a distinctive approach to education through the Liverpool Learning Framework. This means teaching that is engaging, inclusive and designed to help you succeed during your studies and beyond.

You'll develop specialist subject knowledge alongside the skills employers value most, including:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three Liverpool Hallmarks:

- Research-connected teaching - learning informed by the latest ideas and discoveries
- Active learning - taking part, applying knowledge and learning by doing

- Authentic assessment - assessments designed around real-world tasks and challenges

We also embed key priorities across our curriculum, including AI literacy, employability, and sustainability, helping you prepare for the future and make a positive impact in the world.

We're committed to creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

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Careers and employability

Studying German goes beyond preparing students for a specific career, as the skills learned offer many possibilities. The Higher Education Statistics Agency consistently records high employment levels for language graduates, and the employability of graduates in German is excellent.

You will be equipped for graduate opportunities requiring competence in German, breadth of outlook, sympathetic understanding of other cultures, efficient selection and deployment of information from written sources, critical and evaluative judgements and excellent standards of literacy.

We have excellent links with a wide-range of German employers across all sectors: from financial to energy companies, manufacturers to retailers, including

- Nespresso,
- Framatome
- AON risk solutions
- KERN Global Language Services
- Bosch
- Zänker & Kollegen
- AO.com
- Ernst&Young
- Aldi
- Lidl.

These links are used frequently to help students find work placements on the Year Abroad or to secure graduate jobs.

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year - £10,050
Year in industry fee - £2,010
Year abroad fee - £1,508 (applies to year in China)

International fees

Full-time place, per year - £27,000
Year in industry fee - £1,955
Year abroad fee - £13,500 (applies to year in China)

The UK fees shown are for the academic year 2027/28. The international fees shown are for the academic year 2026/27 and will be subject for change for the academic year 2027/28. Please be advised that tuition fees may increase each year for both UK and international students. For UK students, this will be subject to the government's regulated fee limits.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. Learn more about paying for your studies.

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. You can find information on the general and subject-specific costs you could expect to incur on our study costs webpage.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

A levels

BBB
including German.

Applicants with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) are eligible for a reduction in grade requirements. For this course, the offer is **BBC** from A levels, with **B** in the EPQ.

You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme. Based on your personal circumstances, you may automatically qualify for up to a two-grade reduction in the entry requirements needed for this course. When you apply, we consider a range of factors – such as where you live – to assess if you're eligible for a grade reduction. You don't have to make an application for a grade reduction – we'll do all the work.

Find out more about how we make reduced grade offers.

T levels

T levels considered in a relevant subject.

Applicants should contact us by completing the enquiry form on our website to discuss specific requirements in the core components and the occupational specialism.

GCSE

4/C in English and 4/C in Mathematics

Subject requirements

Requirements for 100%:
A Level in German at grade B for entry to Advanced language; (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language)

Requirements for 50% with another subject outside Modern Languages and Cultures:
A Level in German at grade B for entry to Advanced language; (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language)

Requirements for 50%/50% with two languages:
A Level at Grade B in either of the two languages

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Applications encouraged. We evaluate each BTEC application on its merits, entry to Advanced language with an A level or equivalent in German (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language).

International Baccalaureate

30 points overall with no score less than 4 including 5 at higher level in relevant language (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language) or pass the IB Diploma plus 5,5,5 in 3 HL subjects including 5 at higher level in relevant language (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language).

Irish Leaving Certificate

H2, H2, H2, H3, H3, H3 (including H2 in relevant language for Advanced)

Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher

BBB in Advanced Highers including grade B in relevant language for entry to Advanced language; (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' language) combinations of Advanced Highers and Scottish Highers are welcome.

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

B in the Welsh Baccalaureate, plus BB at A level to include German grade B (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language).

Access

Pass relevant Access to HE Diploma with 45 Level 3 credits with 30 at Distinction and 15 at Merit for entry to Beginners' language.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, you could be eligible for a Pre-Master's course. This is offered on campus at the University of Liverpool International College, in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. It's a specialist preparation course for postgraduate study, and when you pass the Pre-Master's at the required level with good attendance, you're guaranteed entry to a University of Liverpool master's degree.

Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, contact us for advice
- If you are returning to learning, have had a disrupted education or are switching career pathways, the one-year Go Higher diploma qualifies you to apply for University of Liverpool arts, humanities and social sciences programmes
- Applications from mature students are welcome.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a majority English speaking country.

We accept a variety of international language tests and country-specific qualifications.

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our Pre-Sessional English courses to achieve the required level.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5

TOEFL iBT

If you took a TOEFL test on or before 20 January 2026, you'll need 88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 17, writing 17, reading 17 and speaking 19. If you took a TOEFL test from 21 January 2026 onwards, when a new scoring system was introduced, you'll need 4.5 overall, with 4 or above in all components. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

Duolingo English Test

125 overall, with speaking, reading and writing not less than 105, and listening not below 100

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 60

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0500

Grade C overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking and listening. Speaking and listening must be separately endorsed on the certificate.

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0990

Grade 4 overall, with Merit in speaking and listening

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0510/0511

0510: Grade B overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0511: Grade B overall.

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0993/0991

0993: Grade 6 overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0991: Grade 6 overall.

Cambridge ESOL Level 2/3 Advanced

176 overall, with no paper below 162

International Baccalaureate English A: Literature or Language & Literature

Grade 5 at Standard Level or grade 5 at Higher Level

International Baccalaureate English B

Grade 7 at Standard Level or grade 6 at Higher Level

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or the equivalent score in selected other English language tests, to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	6 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no more than one component at 5.0	10 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.0	12 weeks	Online

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
5.0 overall, with no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component at 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to Pre-sessional English entry requirements for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5, for further details.

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