

Languages



"The ability to read German extends one's access to scientific and scholarly material and to a European perspective on the international news."

—David Schrag '90, doctoral student in anthropology and Fulbright scholar at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Question

How will I know if this is the right area of study for me?

Answer

Bethel College offers minors in German and Spanish. To help decide whether either one of those programs is right for you, consider:

- Are you interested in other peoples and cultures?
- Are you interested in living, working and/or studying abroad?
- Would you like to expand your view of the world?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you could be well-suited for the professional and personal possibilities available to German and Spanish minors.

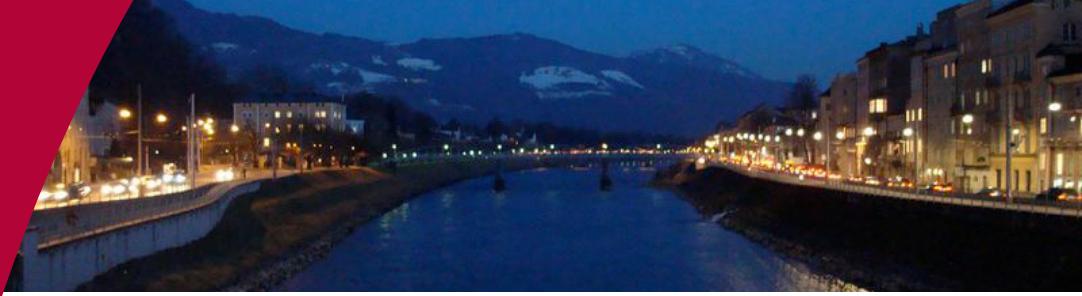
In addition to German and Spanish, Bethel's language department also offers classes (but no degree) in New Testament Greek and Mandarin Chinese.

Question

What courses are required for a minor in German or Spanish?

Answer

To earn a minor in German or Spanish, you will need intermediate language competency, which can be achieved through passing a competency exam, transferring credit or completing intermediate language courses as a part of an approved study abroad program. The central component of this minor is your participation in a study abroad program for either one or, preferably, two semesters in a German or Spanish speaking country.



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Question

What kind of practical experience will I get as a student?

Answer

Bethel students with a minor in German or Spanish have literally a world of options to apply their learning. As a student in either program, you will spend a semester or longer in a foreign country, immersed in German or Spanish culture, completing internships and studying in a university setting. Bethel students have participated in a number of exchange programs, including one unique to Bethel: For more than 50 years, students from Bethel and the Bergische Universität in Wuppertal, Germany, have spent exchange years at each other's schools.

Locally, students can also become involved in Bethel's German and Spanish clubs, work as departmental assistants and do translation work with area businesses, ministries and historical projects.



Question

What can I expect after graduation?

Answer

A degree in German or Spanish from Bethel prepares you for a wide variety of professional options. As the world grows ever smaller, proficiency in a foreign language is becoming increasingly valuable in many fields.

For example, one graduate is deputy executive director of Amnesty International USA, while others have served around the world with mission and service organizations. Another alumnus, after earning degrees in law and international relations, is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Other fields of study and work for recent graduates include:

- Theology
- Anthropology
- Business and finance
- Mass communication
- Chemistry
- Literature



"My Bethel education prepared me to work in teams, make decisions and be open to different cultures, peoples and opinions."

—Stefan Bielau '00, radio program manager, Berlin



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