Students are admitted to UCSC with a "proposed major" in most cases, and later petition to officially declare the major. Admission to UCSC does not guarantee acceptance into a particular major. Students must be declared in a major by the end of the second year (or equivalent), so learning about and preparing for a major is a primary goal for first-year students.

**Major:** GERMAN STUDIES

**Importance of an early start:** This is a course-intensive and/or highly sequential program, and students who intend to pursue this major must begin taking classes for the major in their first term at UCSC.

**Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites for the major:** German 5 is a prerequisite for all upper-division courses taught in German and for the German Studies major. Students are encouraged to take German 1 through 5 as early as possible in their academic program. Students with prior instruction in German language are encouraged to take a placement exam to determine which class best suits their skill level.

**Frosh who intend to pursue this major should do the following things prior to the beginning of fall term...** Students with prior instruction in German language should attend the German Placement Interviews before the fall quarter begins.

**...and should take these courses their first term:**

- **Sample first year plan:**
  - **Fall:** GERM 1: *First-Year German* (if no previous instruction) or GERM 4: *Second-Year German* (take placement exam before enrolling).
  - **Winter:** GERM 2: *First-Year German*
  - **Spring:** GERM 3: *First-Year German* and HIS 75: *Film and the Holocaust*

**Skills important for success in this major:** Analytical writing and reading, critical thinking, cultural analysis, and literary, historical, art historical, and philosophical analysis.

- The German studies program is administered by the History Department.
- Prospective German studies majors who have difficulty pre-enrolling in elementary German language instruction should contact the course instructor by email and sign up on the class waiting list.

**Links to More Information:**

- [http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/](http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/) (general info)
- [http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/](http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/) (major requirements, course descriptions, etc.)
- [http://germanstudies.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/](http://germanstudies.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/) (program website)

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