GERMAN LANGUAGE FOUNDATIONS

First-semester German  
Previously GERM 100
Cultural topics include: Germanophone countries, new and classic films and music, German colonialism and ethnic diversity, The Holocaust / Shoah, gender and non-binary identities, Indigenous land acknowledgements in German. Book: Sag Mal, Chapters 1-3.

Second-Semester German  
Previously GERM 110
Cultural topics include: Diverse foods, coffeehouses, multicultural holidays, fashion, history of flags, understanding the word "Heimat" / Homeland, diversity and diaspora, housing and living arrangements. Book, Sag Mal, Chapters 4-6.

Third-semester German  
Previously GERM 200
Cultural topics include: Climate emergency, alternative modes of travel, fairy tales, German history, health care and wellness, technology and digital communication. Book: Sag Mal, Chapters 7-9.

Fourth-Semester German  
Previously GERM 210
Cultural topics include: Professions and training, recycling and reuse, social safety nets, urban life, trades and skilled work, job applications and interviews, internships, nature and life outdoors. Book: Sag Mal, Chapter 10-12.

No traditional, high-stakes tests or long, tedious, scary exams
Focus on spoken language, using various video media for assessment and practice
Portfolio-building helps you see how far you’ve come and what your own personal goals and horizons are
Learning materials are interactive, easy to use, frequently online, multimedia, accessible, and focused on diverse real-world experiences

Learning language is about joy, meaning & community.

Get to know German using a variety of learning strategies, in a low-stress environment. Develop your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Step by step, improve your ability to express your own ideas, and enjoy interacting with others meaningfully in real-life contexts. Explore diverse ethnic, social, gender, and regional experiences of today’s Germanophone cultures, together with other students, in a small, friendly, and inclusive class.