The Department of German and Scandinavian at the University of Oregon welcomes applicants for graduate study beginning in Fall 2023, working towards either the M.A. or the Ph.D. Students holding a B.A. (or currently completing it) can apply either to the two-year M.A. program or directly to the Ph.D program. Students admitted to the Ph.D program with a B.A. will do three years of graded coursework plus exams and dissertation. Those entering with an appropriate M.A. in hand will complete one year of graded coursework before proceeding to exams and the dissertation.

Our program focuses primarily on modernity from the 18th century forward (with particular strengths in Romanticism, Modernism, and Contemporary literature, culture, and theory). We approach German language, literature, and cultural history from an international, comparatist, and theoretically informed perspective. Several faculty members cross between German and Scandinavian letters, and students may opt for an individualized program combining German with Scandinavian Studies. The Core contains two sequences of three courses each: the "Interpretive Paradigms" sequence (with courses in "Form and Structure"; "Gender, Race, Class, Nation"; and "Subject, Mind, Consciousness") and the "Mediations" sequence (with courses in "Translations/Transformations"; "Environment and Text"; and "Photography, Film, Video, Electronic Media").

We maintain strong relationships with our colleagues in the Departments of Philosophy, History, Comparative Literature, Folklore, Medieval Studies, Judaic Studies, Cinema Studies, Art History and Music, and we encourage our Graduate students to take additional courses in these areas. Further, we have exchange relationships with the Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen and the Universität Zürich, which provide rich opportunities for study in German-speaking lands.

We are the home of the online journal Konturen (http://konturen.uoregon.edu), which publishes one special issue per year based on an annual German Studies conference. The conference upcoming in late Winter 2023, which we invite interested applicants to attend to get a feel for the intellectual life of the department, centers on “The Mother Tongue: Transligualism and Exophony.” Ph.D students have the opportunity to assist with the managing of the journal and gain valuable experience in editing and production.

We guarantee two years of full support for candidates in the M.A. program through Graduate Teaching Fellowships and, for candidates in the Ph.D program, three years (if they enter with an M.A.) and five years (if they enter with a B.A.) Monthly compensation for teaching fellows, which is adequate given the moderate cost of living in Eugene, is often increased through supplemental scholarships awarded by the Department. The university also covers tuition and provides strong health benefits. Research over the summers is funded through scholarships and teaching.
Teaching Fellows in our Department receive thorough hands-on training in the pedagogies and philosophies of foreign language teaching while teaching one course per term in our undergraduate language program, or while running their own discussion sections for a larger lecture course. Students in the Ph.D program have the option of obtaining an additional Graduate Certificate or enroll in a Graduate Specialization to further enhance their intellectual development and their professional profile; the university currently offers Certificates or Specializations in fields including Translation Studies, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Nonprofit Management, Museum Studies, and New Media and Culture.

The priority application deadline for admission in Fall 2023 is January 15, 2023. Later applications will be considered for as long as open positions remain.

More information about our programs and about the application process is available on our website at https://gerscan.uoregon.edu/graduate-students

With any and all questions about M.A. or Ph.D study in German at the University of Oregon, or to schedule a Zoom meeting to talk about your individual application, please contact:

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