

**Department of German and Scandinavian requirements for the
GERMAN AND SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES MAJOR
leading to the BA or BS degree**

Ger/Scan Studies offers a menu of customizable pathways through the language, literature, history, philosophy, music, art, politics, and societies of the region, plus personal guidance from a faculty mentor. Sample pathways include history and politics; philosophy; art, design, and music; storytelling and writing; cinema; and gender and sexuality. Custom pathways are possible too. The requirements are:

1. Proficiency in German or a Scandinavian language, typically demonstrated by satisfactory completion of at least GER 203, SWED 203, or GER 205, or an equivalent placement
2. Four upper-division courses taught *in German or a Scandinavian language* (16 credits)
3. Four approved* upper-division courses *taught in any language* (16 credits)
4. Four approved* upper- or lower-division courses *taught in any language* (16 credits)
5. Six of the 12 courses in criteria 2, 3, and 4 above (i.e. 24 credits) must be taught by the UO Department of German and Scandinavian
6. No more than one course may be taken P/N. Grades of at least a mid-C or P must be earned in all courses used to satisfy requirements for the major.
7. Completion of an approved capstone project

***Approved Courses**

- All German (GER) and Scandinavian (SCAN) courses numbered 210–499
- Courses taken at a European university taught in the German language or a Scandinavian language above the second-year level
- Select courses that focus on Germany and/or Scandinavia offered in other departments
- Other courses approved by a faculty mentor as part of a thematic pathway (as described below)

Thematic Pathways. These are recommended course lists that include a significant number of options in other departments besides German and Scandinavian. Students are strongly encouraged to follow a thematic pathway, culminating in a capstone project, in consultation with a faculty advisor. Details are posted on the department’s website and are also available from the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Capstone Project. This is a piece of guided independent scholarly or creative work integrating knowledge acquired in courses for the major, typically as the culmination of a thematic pathway. It must be preapproved and either supervised or co-supervised by a faculty member in the department. This requirement typically will be met by a research paper of at least 15 pages or by a comparable scholarly or creative project in a 400-level course in an appropriate department, or through at least one credit of GER 401, 403, or 405; SCAN 401, 403, or 405; or SWED 401, 403, or 405. Work with non-English materials is strongly encouraged.

Double-Counting. Ger/Scan majors who seek an additional minor in either German or Scandinavian may count all credits for both. The same rule applies to minors who seek an additional major in either German or Scandinavian. Majors may not seek an additional major in either German or Scandinavian. The department encourages major or minor combinations with other programs and departments.

Since not all courses are offered every year, students should plan well in advance

