

GERMAN EDUCATION

MAJOR MAP 2024



GETTING STARTED

YOUR COURSE JOURNEY

- Explore the Foundations of German through the core sequence: GERM 313/314/315 and FLNG 250
- Establish a [4-year plan](#) with your adviser
- Get your teaching feet wet with the first education class, EDUC 205
- Take relevant [GEP courses](#) and explore the [School of Humanities and Global Studies'](#) curricular offerings

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Explore [UWSP extracurriculars](#)
- Think about picking up a [second language](#)
- Seek out help with study skills at the [Tutoring-Learning Center TLC](#)
- Establish [healthy study habits](#)
- Learn about [ACTFL Language Proficiency Guidelines](#)

ACT LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

- Join a university or [German Club](#)
- Explore and apply for department or [Humanities and Global Studies \(HGS\) scholarships](#) or campus-wide [scholarships](#)
- Talk to faculty or staff about language-based [semester abroad](#) opportunities
- Explore the [National Student Exchange](#) or [international programs](#)

CAREER READINESS

- Declare [teaching intent](#) with the School of Education as early as possible
- Seek out volunteer opportunities related to teaching and literacy
- Create a [college resume](#)
- Look into on-campus jobs at [Quest](#)

MAKING PROGRESS

- Dive deeper into German elective courses
- Take FLED 333 in the fall semester
- Apply to the School of Education as soon as entry requirements are met
- Add a [minor or certificate](#) that complements your teaching major:
 - ESL
 - Creative Writing
 - Linguistics
 - Women's and Gender Studies

- Get involved with an honor society or student organization
- Look into financial literacy and ways to continue to [fund your education](#)
- Visit the Office of International Education for [study abroad](#) requirements
- Practice [ACTFL Language Proficiency Guidelines for German](#)

- Get involved with spreading languages: [College Day for Kids](#) or World Languages Fair
- Seek out experiences working with young people (Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, etc.)
- Plan a study abroad semester in Germany
- Explore [Peace Corps volunteer opportunities](#)

- Seek out experience in [summer internship opportunity](#)
- Attend a HGS Career Exploration Event
- Start accumulating materials that can help you teach in the future (stories, resources, etc.)
- Meet with a [Career Coach](#) to work through stuck points
- Seek out [job shadow](#) and [informational interview](#) opportunities to begin network building

MAKING PROGRESS

- Take your pre-teaching courses: ENGL 345/375/381
- Look into options to be a German tutor in GERM 211/212 or become a tutor in the [Tutoring-Learning Center \(TLC\)](#)
- Think of different ways to gain experience not only in German but also in [communication and writing](#)

- Take a diverse curriculum to broaden perspectives
- Apply to relevant summer jobs or [volunteer opportunities](#) related to education/teaching

- Volunteer at World Languages Fair, the [Portage County Literacy Council](#) or any campus/local community events
- Create a profile on LinkedIn

- Apply for student teaching
- Create an account in WECAN to apply for teaching positions
- Research places and schools where you might want to teach in the future
- Network with [UWSP alumni](#) working in education, or across countries, languages, and cultures
- If interested in teaching at the college level or administration jobs in K-12, apply to graduate schools

PREPARING FOR WHAT'S NEXT

- Complete your teaching methods courses
- Complete your student teaching
- Review your 4-year plan and make sure you have all the necessary courses for graduation
- [Apply for graduation](#)

- Take [ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview \(OPIc\)](#) and [ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test \(WPT\)](#)
- Apply for [Global Seal of Biliteracy](#)

- Make connections with your cooperating teacher(s) and administration
- Display your Global Seal of Biliteracy on your LinkedIn profile

- Once program requirements are completed, apply for a teaching license through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
- Use your practicum and student teaching experiences to build a professional network
- Request letters of recommendation
- Join a professional association like [WAFIL](#), [WEAC](#), [WCTE](#), or [ACTFL](#)

CAREERS

- German Teacher
- Interpreter
- Proofreader
- Public Relations
- Diplomat
- Translator
- Business Consultant
- Travel Advisor

and many more!

AVAILABLE ONLINE

Major Map documents are available online with additional information!

The staff and faculty at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point want to help you craft your personal journey. Use this map as a jumping off point for conversations about your goals.

