

Why German and Engineering? – A Few Facts...

- * GERMANY IS THE FOURTH LARGEST NATIONAL ECONOMY IN THE WORLD and THE LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION—the EU is the largest unified economic zone in the world.
- * Germany is the WORLD LEADER IN “GREEN,” RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY EXPORTS. Think wind power (Nordex, Repower, Fuhrländer, Enercon) and solar power (SolarWorld, Q-Cells and Conergy).
- * Germany is the LARGEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS MARKET IN EUROPE, and the third largest worldwide (Think T-Mobile!).
- * Germany is at the forefront of ARCHITECTURAL, INDUSTRIAL AND AUTOMOTIVE DESIGN, and is second in the world IN AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION.
- * In banking and finance, Germany is a TOP FIVE SOURCE OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT in the US.
- * Germany is the SECOND LEADING EXPORTER in the WORLD.
- * More the 750 US COMPANIES do business in Germany.
- * More that 1,000 GERMAN COMPANIES (more than any other language) operate in the USA.
Do you recognize any of these German companies? Adidas, BASF, Volkswagen, Audi, Porsche, Mercedes, BMW, Lufthansa, Siemens, T-Mobile, Bayer, Merck, Krups, Braun, BBS, König, Bosch, Miele, Stihl, T-Mobile, BMG Music, AEG, Puma, Melitta, Continental...
- * Germany is the LARGEST CHEMICAL MARKET PLAYER in the European Union.
- * Germany is one of the TOP THREE NATIONS IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH-TECH PRODUCTS, and the world leader in both wind and solar power production, and bio-technology firms.
- * Germany is one of the TOP FIVE NATIONS in GLOBAL PATENTING.
- * German is the SECOND most commonly used language for scholarly publications worldwide.

At Calvin College you CAN combine German with Engineering!

- German 101 + 102 – Beginning regular track
- German 121, 122 + 123 – Fast-track sequence, 2 years in two semesters and an interim
- German 201 + 202 – Intermediate regular track
- German 303 – Introduction to literature (Meets Core Literature Requirement)
- German W80 – German Interim Abroad (4-week study trip in Germany)
- German 301 – Advanced conversation and contemporary culture
- German 302 – German culture and intercultural studies
- German 361 – Advanced writing in cultural context
- German 362 – Culture and language through performed texts (Meets Core Rhetoric Requirement)
- German 371 – German visual culture and literature (Meets Core Arts Requirement)
- German 390 – Independent study arranged with a professor, may be repeated with a different topic
- A variety of other 300-level courses

How Can I Add German to my Engineering Degree?

Yr.	Fall Semester	Interim	Spring Semester	Summer
1	GERM 121	GERM 122	GERM 123	<i>Engr. Prog. Berlin + GERM 390 (Ind. Study)</i>
2	GERM 301	GERM W80 (CCE Core)	GERM 303 (Lit. Core)	<i>Engr. Internship and/or GERM 390</i>
3	GERM 302 GERM 381	--	GERM 371 (Arts Core)	<i>Engr. Internship and/or GERM 390</i>
4	GERM 361 GERM 381	--	GERM 362 (Rhet. Core)	

Courses in **bold** count towards a German minor/major.

A minor is made up of a total of 6 courses from GERM 123 and above. A major is 10 courses.

Courses in *italics* are flexible and can be taken in different semesters/years.

If you have had German already in high school you could test into a higher level than GERM 121 and start taking courses counting toward the minor/major already in your first semester at Calvin.

Regular German Events at Calvin

- **Deutsche Andacht**
Regular chapel with worship, prayer and song in German
- **Deutscher Abendtisch**
Weekly German-language table at the student cafeteria
- **Kaffeestunde**
Regular social events with focus on various German topics
- **Deutscher Filmabend**
Screenings of recent and classic German films three to four times per semester

Off- Campus Opportunities to Explore German Language and Culture

- **German Interim Abroad** (Meets Core Cross Cultural Engagement Requirement)
January term visiting major historical and cultural sites in Germany and staying with German host families.
- **Summer Job or Internship in Germany**
Recent participants have worked at a resort on the North Sea, at an insurance agency in Hannover, and at an energy consulting firm in Magdeburg.
- **Engineering Summer in Germany**
Engineering students complete a 6-7 week program in Berlin.
- **Semester or year study programs**
Study abroad with the Central College program in Vienna, Austria.

Further interest or additional questions? Please feel free to contact me!

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