

Second Year German

The goals of the Second-Year programme in German are twofold:

1. The programme concentrates on developing and enhancing the German language skills gained in First Year with a view to preparing students for the Year Abroad.
2. It aims to broaden and deepen students' understanding of the culture of the German-speaking countries by giving them the opportunity to focus on those areas of language, history, and literature that they are particularly interested in.

With these goals in mind, the programme is divided into (a) compulsory modules and (b) optional modules.

(a) Core Modules: The core modules are the basic components of the Second-Year programme.

- **Language:** The language courses GN210 and GN220 are compulsory for all students of German. The core language courses are taught through small-group teaching and conversation classes, which will take place in the Language Laboratory. Students will cover grammar, writing short narrative texts and translating into German. The language courses will be examined through continuous assessment, and oral and written examinations.

(b) Optional Modules: Each student can also tailor his/her programme to suit his/her preferences by choosing from a number of optional courses. The number of options depends on which programme he/she is registered for:

- **BA** students choose four options, two in each semester.
- **BA European Studies** students choose two options, one in each semester.
- **BA (Minor)** students choose two options, one in each semester.
- **BA** students are also permitted to take 5 ECTS credits (i.e. one elective module) per year outside of German Studies

Please note:

- Places in optional modules are allocated on a first-come first-served basis.
- **Important Note:** For those students potentially interested in becoming a secondary school teacher with German as one of their subjects, the Teaching Council of Ireland requires that 15 ECTS credits during the course of their German degree are taken in modules relating to literature and/or film. [This may affect your module choices.](#)

Second Year modules (2021-22)

Semester 1

Compulsory:	GN210	Grundkurs Sprache 3 (5 ECTS)
Options:	GN211B	Engaging with German-language Culture 2A (5 ECTS) (max. 24 students) *here is an introductory video *
	GN213A	Dutch for Beginners (5 ECTS) (max. 24 students) *here is an introductory video *
	GN217A	Language Awareness (5 ECTS) (max. 24 students) *here is an introductory video *
	GN218A	Engaging with German-language film (5 ECTS) (max. 24 students) *here is an introductory video *

Semester 2

Compulsory:	GN220	Grundkurs Sprache 4 (5 ECTS)
Options:	GN221B	Engaging with German-language Culture 2B (5 ECTS) (max. 24 students) *here is an introductory video *
	GN223A	Dutch for Improvers (5 ECTS) (max. 24 students) *here is an introductory video *
	ML220	Crossing Boundaries – Preparing for the Year Abroad (5 ECTS)

[GN226A](#)

here is an [introductory video](#)

German for Business (5 ECTS) (max. 24 students)

here is an [introductory video](#)

Elective modules for MU students interested in taking up German as a beginner (2021-22)

These modules are for MU students who are not registered with the German Section who are interested in taking up German as an elective.

Semester 1

Compulsory:

[GN260](#)

Beginning German 1 (5 ECTS) *here is an [introductory video](#)*

Semester 2

Compulsory:

[GN261](#)

Beginning German 2 (5 ECTS)

You will find information about all German courses at <http://apps.maynoothuniversity.ie/courses/>