



6th in the UK The Times Good University Guide 2010  
wide range of degrees with another language or with non-language subjects  
£3 million investment in academic facilities with the latest language lab equipment  
friendly and vibrant teaching and learning environment  
4-year degrees with a year abroad which may be spent teaching English, on a work placement or in university study  
our structured programme for the year abroad helps you get the most out of it

## KEY FACTS

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### DEGREES

BA Single Honours  
German 4 years

### BA Combined Honours

Classical Studies and German 4 years  
English and German 4 years  
Film Studies and German 4 years  
German and Arabic, French, Italian, Russian or Spanish 4 years  
History and German 4 years  
International Relations and German 4 years  
Philosophy and German 4 years  
Politics and German 4 years  
Sociology and German 4 years

### BSc Combined Honours

German and Mathematics 4 years

### FLEXIBLE COMBINED HONOURS

German may also be studied under the Flexible Combined Honours Scheme. For more information, please see [www.exeter.ac.uk/fch](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/fch)

## German at the University of Exeter

Studying German at the University of Exeter gives you the opportunity to learn about the culture, literature and society of the German-speaking countries, in particular Germany and Austria. These countries have a rich cultural past and play a vital role at the heart of today's Europe, where the old European Union meets the new EU accession states. The German language is a passport to a rich and diverse community of 120 million speakers, to a treasure house of European culture and to a major economy whose influence reaches out across the world.

We'll train you to a high level of proficiency in reading, writing and speaking German, which you can put to good use in your year abroad, living in a German-speaking country, where you are in charge of your own linguistic and cultural learning process. Our programme is also designed to help you develop personal and transferable skills such as analysis, communication, oral presentation and independent learning.

Our teaching staff have specialised research interests covering a wide area of German language, literature and culture. These research interests feed directly into your undergraduate degree programme, ensuring that you have access to the latest knowledge and ideas, taught by experts in their fields.

We aim to create a relaxed and informal atmosphere in our staff-student relations. Much of the teaching, especially in oral classes, is done in small groups. We enjoy the support of highly qualified native speakers (Lektoren) in our language teaching. Social activities, plays and film-shows are organised by the student-run German Society, which also produces its own magazine. In addition to the resources of the University Library (which include the latest research on German language and culture and an extensive audio-visual collection) many of our modules are supported by online material and there is a wide range of recorded material in German in the Foreign Language Centre.

German is one of five language areas that together make up Modern Languages at Exeter. The close co-operation between the five language areas in all matters relating to student learning and support is one of our strengths. You can read more about the benefits of studying in an integrated Department of Modern Languages in a separate factfile. To request a copy of the Modern Languages factfile contact [dml-uga@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:dml-uga@exeter.ac.uk)

“As my degree is Single Honours, I can take modules worth 30 credits outside German each year and have completed business-based modules over the past two years. This has been a real advantage as my degree is varied and I am learning about another subject area which I wouldn't otherwise have considered.

I am now in my third year and can honestly say that coming to Exeter was one of the best decisions I have ever made. The city is great and I don't find it too imposing or overwhelming; something that's very important to me. The German Department has been great and has always helped me out with anything I am unsure of or need guidance with, which is a very useful resource. I am now looking forward to my last year at Exeter and only hope it doesn't go by too quickly! ”

Claire Beer, 3rd year, BA German

# GERMAN



## DEGREEFACTS

For full details of all our degrees, including information about the individual modules, check the undergraduate section of our website at [www.exeter.ac.uk/german](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/german)

The German programme at Exeter offers you a thorough intellectual training in the language, literature and culture of the German-speaking countries, while allowing a substantial degree of flexibility. During each of the three years you spend in Exeter, you'll follow a module in written and spoken German, which includes regular classes with specially-trained native speakers.

### BA German

In your first year, you'll follow a core module which introduces you to key developments in the history, literature and culture of Germany and Austria and which trains you in the skills of critical analysis. In your second and final years you'll be able to choose from a wide range of options. From witch-trials in the 17th century to contemporary architecture in Berlin, from the beginnings of the German women's movement to the representation of German history in film, our options cover an extensive range of topics in literature, culture and history. If you choose to spend your year abroad in a German-speaking country, you may want to take advantage of one of our long-standing exchanges with universities in Germany or Austria; or you might apply for a job teaching English under the scheme run by the British Council. Other students apply for internships. All three of these options benefit from the EU's Erasmus Scheme.

**Year 1:** German Language: Written and Oral; Introduction to German Literature; Princes, Dictators and Democrats: German and Austrian History and Culture from 1500-Today; options.

**Year 2:** German Language: Written and Oral; choice of options from German and another subject.

**Year 3:** Normally spent abroad. A choice of independent study modules or modules taken at a university abroad.

**Year 4:** German Language: Written and Oral (including translation and essay writing); Dissertation; options.

### Combined Honours Degrees

German can be studied with another modern foreign language (**French, Italian, Russian or Spanish**) or with **Arabic, Classical Studies, English, Film Studies, History, International Relations, Maths, Philosophy, Politics or Sociology**. Combined Honours students take the core language modules and a reduced number of options. Combined Honours students in two languages may choose to spend their third year in a country where either language is spoken, or to split the year between two countries. Students of German and Arabic spend the *second* year abroad in an Arabic-speaking country.

For details of the second subject please see the undergraduate prospectus or the subject area's website.

Languages: [www.exeter.ac.uk/languages](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/languages)  
 Film Studies: [www.exeter.ac.uk/film](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/film)  
 Arabic: [www.exeter.ac.uk/iais](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/iais)  
 Classical Studies: [www.exeter.ac.uk/classics](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/classics)  
 English: [www.exeter.ac.uk/english](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/english)  
 History: [www.exeter.ac.uk/history](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/history)  
 International Relations and Politics: [www.exeter.ac.uk/politics](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/politics)  
 Maths: [www.exeter.ac.uk/maths](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/maths)  
 Philosophy and Sociology: [www.exeter.ac.uk/philosophy](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/philosophy)

### Module details

Each year you'll take modules worth 120 credits. Single Honours students have the option to take modules worth 30 credits in another subject, with the remainder in German. Combined Honours students normally take 60 credits in each of the two subjects that they are studying each year. The composition of your degree programme will depend on the credit value of the component modules that you choose.

All German modules are worth either 15 or 30 credits and current modules are shown in the tables (all modules are subject to change from time to time and may be supplemented by others, as new staff members join us).

For full details on the programme and individual modules, please check the undergraduate section of the Modern Languages website at [www.exeter.ac.uk/languages](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/languages)

Key: C = Core  
O = Optional

#### Year 1:

Module Name	
German Language: Written and Oral	C
German and Austrian History and Culture	C
Introduction to German Literature	C
Text Analysis*	C
Introduction to Essay Writing in German*	O

\* Only available to Single Honours students.

#### Year 2:

Module Name	
German Language: Written and Oral	C
German Lyric Poetry	O
Germany in the Early Modern Period	O
Goethe's <i>Faust</i> , Part I	O
Thinking About the German Language, Past and Present	O
The Language of Literature: German Narrative Prose 1750-1800	O
Crime and Madness in German Prose Fiction	O
Social Issues in German Drama	O
Berlin – Culture, History and Politics since 1933	O
Ideologies and Identities in German Cinema	O
Comic Perspectives on German History in Literature and Film	O

**Year 3:** The year abroad is an integral part of the programmes at Exeter and the work you do for it counts towards your final degree assessment. Broadly speaking, students on university exchanges bring back marks for the work they have done at the university abroad; all other students, including those who take Teaching Assistantships or another form of work placement, follow one of a number of Exeter modules. These have been designed to help you engage with the local culture, take charge of your language learning and develop skills that will make you more employable after graduation.

For further details about the year abroad and the support available to you, see the Modern Languages entry in the undergraduate prospectus, or visit the undergraduate section of the Modern Languages website at [www.exeter.ac.uk/languages](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/languages)



**Year 4:** All students take the core course in written and spoken German and one or more options, depending on their programme. While it is difficult to predict so far ahead which optional modules will be on offer to you in your final year, the following are a selection of those currently available:

- Dissertation: An independent research project for which you can propose your own topic
- Pamphlets and Propaganda in German History
- The Dramatist Friedrich Schiller
- Violence, Gender and Nationhood in the Works of Heinrich von Kleist
- The Foundation of Modern Germany
- Literary Modernism in German-Speaking Europe
- Contemporary German Fiction
- The Weimar Republic – Culture and Literature

For a list of all current modules, please check the undergraduate section on our website at [www.exeter.ac.uk/languages](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/languages)

## Learning and teaching

- Written German language classes: you'll tackle a range of exercises including translation, essays and grammar work (incorporating the use of audio-visual material).
- Oral German language classes: you'll work in small groups with a *Lektor* (a fully-trained native speaker) and will prepare short talks or *Referate* in German. You will also be encouraged to work independently.
- Modules other than German language are taught through a combination of lectures, tutorials and seminars.
- First-year seminars allow you to discuss texts and present short talks in small groups under the guidance of a tutor, who monitors your progress over the whole year.
- In the second and final years, the emphasis is increasingly on independent learning; discussion takes place in larger seminars, and you'll be required to present more substantial talks to other members of the group.
- We have well-equipped study labs with excellent audio-visual material, including satellite TV, multi-media language-learning packages and internet access.
- A computer-based self-study system helps you practise German grammar.

- We offer opportunities to study visual culture as well as written culture (for instance in the form of films, paintings, political cartoons or propaganda images).

## Extra value

- The German Society, organised by students, arranges talks, films, drama and social activities and aims to put on a German play each year.
- Year Abroad opportunities in Germany and Austria include links with a range of universities such as Vienna, Salzburg, Würzburg, Bayreuth, Tübingen, Frankfurt and Kiel.
- You are helped to prepare for your year abroad and regular contact with you continues while you are away.
- You'll have a Personal Tutor who is available for guidance, support and advice throughout your studies.
- Through a Staff-Student Liaison Committee (SSLC) you can make your voice heard if you have any concerns about your degree programme.

## Careers

Exeter graduates have a high rate of success in the employment market and graduates in German have skills which are attractive to a wide range of employers. Many graduates in German find jobs in which their language skills are essential and some go on to live and work in German-speaking countries. Recent graduates of German have found employment in areas as diverse as accountancy, teaching, law, the diplomatic service, management, journalism, banking and the health service. Others are studying for postgraduate degrees.

We aim to provide you with a range of academic, personal and professional skills that will prepare you confidently for future employment. Exeter has an excellent reputation with graduate recruiters and our students and graduates compete very successfully in the employment market. Many employers target the University when recruiting new graduates. Six months after graduation 92 per cent of Exeter's first-degree graduates were in employment or further study.\*

Please refer to the Modern Languages factfile for examples of graduate career destinations. For further information about what the Careers and Employment Service offers at Exeter visit [www.exeter.ac.uk/employability](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/employability)

## Entry requirements

Typical requirements for a German degree are in the range of: A level AAB-ABB (or equivalent for international students), International Baccalaureate 34-31.

For full entry requirements, details on how to apply and examples of a typical offer, please check our entry listed under Modern Languages on the undergraduate website at [www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate)

You'll need to show evidence of success over a range of subjects at GCSE, and in particular show a degree of aptitude and proficiency in language. We welcome applicants whose study of a foreign language has been motivated by their interest in the language itself, in foreign travel, or in the history, literature or visual arts of other countries. All these can act as a trigger for the in-depth study of language and culture and the range of optional courses that a degree in German at Exeter will offer.

International applicants can find details of equivalent international entry requirements for individual countries, by following the links to 'Your Country' at [www.exeter.ac.uk/international](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/international)

## Post-Offer Open Days

Once you receive confirmation of an offer we'll contact you with an invitation to visit the School on a Post-Offer Open Day. While this opportunity to visit includes a campus tour and formal introduction to the School, much emphasis is placed on (and time allocated to) a more informal period for questions and answers, both as a group, and on a personal basis. A number of our current students also take part on these days, leading tours and giving you the opportunity to ask them what studying at Exeter is really like!

\*(Figures as at Jan. 2009, as a percentage of those respondents available for employment or study)



## Experience for life

Studying at the University of Exeter is about more than getting a degree – there's a wealth of opportunities open to you to develop personally as well as professionally. Exeter offers an exceptionally wide range of opportunities for you to gain the skills employers want – from management training to business placements, volunteering programmes and pre-teacher training, to a world-wide network of study abroad opportunities and careers advice from our own successful graduates.

## Great reputation

Exeter is ranked 9th in the UK in the *Times Good University Guide 2010*, making it the highest ranked South West university. We score particularly highly for student satisfaction as measured by the National Student Survey, completion rates and the proportion of students getting good Honours degrees. We are also in *The Times* top 10 research-intensive universities: nearly 90 per cent of our research was rated as internationally recognised in the latest (2008) Research Assessment Exercise.

## Putting students first

The University has pledged more than £2.9 million in a range of means-tested bursaries and merit scholarships to attract and support talented students and recognise outstanding ability. We have invested over £140 million in the last five years in new

buildings and facilities ranging from academic resources to the Students' Guild building and nightclub. The University is now looking to the future with a planned £270 million investment in campus facilities over the next three years.

## Exceptional location and great atmosphere

A safe, student-friendly city, Exeter is rated one of the best places to live in the UK for the quality of its facilities, low crime rate and fantastic countryside. The University has one of the UK's most active students' unions, sees some of the top bands in the country perform on campus and is one of the UK's top sporting universities.

## Explore the possibilities

### Open Days

Come and visit our beautiful campuses. We hold Open Days twice a year in June and September.

### Campus Tours

We run Campus Tours at the Streatham Campus every weekday at 2pm during term time. You'll be shown round by a current student, who'll give you a first-hand account of what it's like to live and study at Exeter. For full details and to book your place, contact us at:

**[www.exeter.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/opendays)**

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## Useful web links

University of Exeter website: **[www.exeter.ac.uk](http://www.exeter.ac.uk)**

Undergraduate pages: **[www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate)**

Subject website: **[www.exeter.ac.uk/languages](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/languages)**

Virtual tours: **[www.exeter.ac.uk/virtualtours](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/virtualtours)**

International Office: **[www.exeter.ac.uk/international](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/international)**

Scholarships: **[www.exeter.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/scholarships)**

Bursaries: **[www.exeter.ac.uk/bursaries](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/bursaries)**

Students' Guild: **[www.exeterguild.org](http://www.exeterguild.org)**

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