

To: Jeannine Blackwell, Dean of the Graduate School
From: Harald Hoebusch, Division Director German Studies, MCL

Re: University Scholars Program - M.A. in German Studies

In an effort to better serve the most highly qualified UK students who are interested in developing an advanced, professional knowledge of German Studies, the graduate faculty in German Studies within MCL is requesting to participate in the University Scholars program beginning Fall 2012. German Studies would join French and Classics in taking advantage of this educational opportunity for our best and brightest students. We have had excellent success in terms of our graduate students teaching at the schools or continuing with studies towards their Ph.D. elsewhere. We anticipate 2 – 3 students per year will avail themselves of this University Scholars option.

Undergraduate German Studies majors with a GPA of at least 3.5 in their German Studies courses would be eligible for admission to the M.A. program in German Studies when they have at least 90 hours earned (or in progress at time of application) with an overall GPA of at least 3.2 in their studies at UK. Students would also have to meet the following admissions requirements.

These admission requirements are:

The minimum GRE and GPA admissions requirements for the M.A in German Studies are the same as for the Graduate School. However, the number of admissions is limited and admissions decisions are made on a competitive basis. All M.A. applicants must have successfully completed at least 4 upper division (i.e., 300-level or higher) courses in German (up to three may be in progress at time of application) and have German language communications skills at or above the Intermediate High (ACTFL) level, as evaluated in upper division coursework (or, if necessary, a skills test at time of application). Additional course work in German history and/or literary studies as well as study abroad in a German-speaking country is desirable, but not required.

Following the tradition of the University Scholar's program, all applications will be reviewed by the Graduate Studies Committee and the Director of Graduate Studies, in concert with the Director of Undergraduate Studies, and only highly qualified applicants will be recommended for admission. After admission to the Master's program, a student would take up to 12 hours of the Master's core courses, which would count as electives toward the undergraduate degree in German Studies. No additional resources will be needed to implement this program, and its administration will represent only marginal additional efforts by the DGS and DUS in their existing leadership roles.

A University Scholar's program in German Studies represents a unique educational opportunity for students in German Studies who want to pursue graduate study and a possible career path as a teacher or scholar. We hope to make this available to students starting spring 2013.

What follows is a sample 4th-year program for German Studies University Scholars students. The exact courses will vary somewhat, especially in the spring semester, as the courses offered are in accord with our graduate faculty's rotations. If the University Study student were to complete the 12 hours of 500/600-level course work outlined below, then the M.A. could be completed in a fifth year of studies.

Sample 4th-Year:

Fall

GER 507: Advanced German Composition/Conversation: Contemporary Germany

GER 553: Teaching of German

Electives or other required courses for B.A. or B.S. (9 hours)

Spring

GER 616 Genres in German Literature:

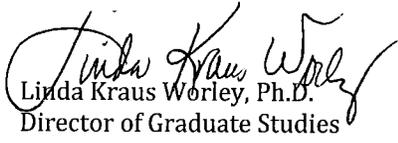
GER 615 Major German Authors:

GER 495 (capstone)

Elective or other requirements (6 hours)

University Scholars enrolled in classes that are open to both undergraduate and graduate students will be required to complete any extra assignments that may be required of graduate students.

This program will be evaluated by the percentage of students who begin the University Scholars program and then successfully complete their M.A.



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