

Dear first-year students,

Are you interested in learning German? Or, in continuing your study of German?

In any case, the German department welcomes you to Bowdoin!

There are lots of different reasons to take a German course: art and history, music and travel, politics, international law, environmental sciences and business, personal heritage, an interest in philosophy or world literature, preparation for study abroad, European pop culture, German film. Many students are attracted to the study-abroad experience and the opportunity to immerse themselves in the rapid changes, the popular culture and historical awareness that a Europe in transition has to offer.

We hope you will stop by to visit with us:

***The German Department Reception
Room 107 (Koelln Room) in Sills Hall
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Sunday, August 31st***

Here you will have the opportunity **to chat informally with faculty and students** majoring or taking courses in our program, learn more about the resources for acquiring and practicing German, including media, study away, and post-graduate options.

Our flexible major program attracts between 30-40 enthusiastic students of all backgrounds and abilities. Learn more about them at

<http://www.bowdoin.edu/german/students/index.shtml>

No matter whether you are interested in a culture course in English or beginning German, whether **you want to begin with the study of German culture** or **continue your studies**, we will work with you to find the best way to make German Studies a part of your program and to integrate it with your other interests. Courses in German language and culture, German literature and culture and in German culture and literature in English translation can lead to a minor or a major, either single or in combination with any other major or minor program at Bowdoin. Many of our courses are cross-listed with other programs. Please see “courses” on our website for fall 2008 offerings:

<http://www.bowdoin.edu/german/courses/index.shtml>

In addition to the open house, we will have **placement consultations** (Sunday, August 31, 1:45-2:45 p.m. Sills 108) and a booth at the **academic fair** (Monday, September 1, 10:15-11:45 a.m.) where you can take a look at the course materials, syllabi and get other detailed information on a particular course. As always, you may e-mail any of us.

Willkommen!

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