

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

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! During Orientation, please join us for

The German Department Open House & Reception (with Consultations)

Sills Hall 107

Sunday, August 27th, 2023

1:30 – 3:25 p.m.

Here you will have the opportunity to chat informally with faculty and students majoring, minoring or taking courses in our program. You will learn more about the resources for acquiring and practicing German, including courses and co-curricular programs, study away, and post-graduate options. You may or may not have checked out details on our website; if not, we invite you to do so! Our department is a **Center of Excellence**, as designated by the AATG (American Association of Teachers of German), for our innovative curriculum and for the learning community we foster among our students.

If you studied German before, you may have completed the optional placement questionnaire posted on the orientation website. However, even if you have received your placement (and yes, quite a few of you may have received 2 potential placements), we *strongly encourage* you to come to the **placement consultations** held in Sills 107 to discuss continuing German with us, learn about fall semester 2023 in our department, and finalize your placement.

The reasons students have for beginning or continuing the study of German are many: language study as a humanistic endeavor, art and history, music and travel, politics and business, personal heritage, an interest in philosophy or world literature, preparation for study abroad, European pop culture, German film. Whatever your particular interest is, we welcome the opportunity to get to know you and work with you to achieve your individual goals.

You may DROP IN between 1:30 and 3:25 p.m. in Sills 107 on Sunday, August 27 for placement consultations. The Open House will be outside, weather permitting and/or in Sills 107.

We are looking forward to meeting you very soon!

Willkommen!

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