

Bowdoin

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 Ice Cream Social for Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

(We'll have a table for German!)

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Cleaveland Quad

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Here you will have the opportunity to chat informally with faculty, staff, 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 placement questionnaire during registration and met with us on a Zoom call to discuss your placement. However, even if you have received your placement and signed up for a course, **we strongly encourage you to come to the Academic Fair on Monday, August 31** to meet us, view syllabi, and talk with current students and faculty.

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, food and sports, 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. We are looking forward to meeting you very soon!

Willkommen!

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