

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 (Open House) & Sills Hall 108 (Consultations)
Sunday, August 29th, 2021
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.***

Here you will have the opportunity to chat informally with faculty and students majoring, minoring or taking courses in our program, as well as our Teaching Fellow from the University of Mainz in Germany. 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! In 2017, our department was designated as a **Center of Excellence** 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, *we strongly encourage* you to come to the **placement consultations** held in Sills 108 to discuss continuing German with us, learn about fall semester 2021 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 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. in Sills 108 on Sunday, August 29 for placement consultations. The Open House is in Sills 107, just opposite from 108.

We are looking forward to meeting you very soon!

Willkommen!

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