



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – COLUMBIA

College of Arts and Science

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## EARN A MASTERS DEGREE IN GERMAN STUDIES WHILE TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI:

*An overview of our program:*

**Features:** The University of Missouri features one of the strongest North American terminal-MA programs offered in German Studies. Our large faculty holds a wide range of interdisciplinary specializations and its members are prominent in the national and international academic communities. Students benefit from small seminar settings and sustained contact with faculty members. Our MA graduates have therefore entered the most prestigious PhD programs in the country; of those not pursuing careers in academia, many have used their acquired expertise in teaching DaF (German as a foreign language) to pursue careers in this field.

**Program Overview:** The MA program is typically completed in four semesters. Each semester, students take three graduate seminars and teach one beginning or intermediate-level German language course. At the end of the fourth semester, students take a comprehensive exam.

**Faculty:** The German Studies faculty consists of eight professors who hold specializations in various aspects of German literary and cultural studies including film studies, media theory, and aesthetics; German philosophy, critical theory, and intellectual history; German-Jewish cultural studies, German-Eastern European relations, and Holocaust studies; digital storytelling and eco-criticism; memory studies and death studies; German colonialism, Turkish-German studies, and the cultural history of Blacks in Germany; second-language acquisition, new media, technology, and pedagogy. Students often have the opportunity to work individually with faculty members to specialize in topics of interest.

**Financial Overview:** Students who teach in our program are granted tuition waivers, and thus do not pay university tuition. In addition, they receive a salary of approximately \$1,400 per month (over the 9-month teaching year). This is typically enough to cover modest housing and personal expenses, as well as the student facility fees, which amount to approximately \$500 per semester.

**Requirements:** As the minimum basis for application, students must have excellent language skills in both German and English (foreign students must submit a TOEFL score and must have scored at least 80 on the internet version); they must have a Bachelors (or equivalent) degree in German studies or a related field; and they must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

**Timeline:** The deadline for applications to the German program is **January 15, 2017**. Applications received by this first deadline will be eligible for additional university-level grants. Applications received between January 15 and **February 15** will be welcomed. Applications received after February 15 will only be reviewed as spaces become available in the program. Please contact the department for further information.

The fall semester begins in mid-August. Students should plan to arrive in Columbia at the beginning of August.

**Our website:** <http://grs.missouri.edu>

Here, you will find links to faculty profiles. Application documents and more detailed information about program policies can be found here:

<https://grs.missouri.edu/german/german-graduate-program>

If you have any questions regarding our program or the application process, please feel free to contact me directly by e-mail: [koppkr@missouri.edu](mailto:koppkr@missouri.edu)

With best wishes,

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