



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF GERMANIC STUDIES

Indiana University Bloomington

The Department of Germanic Studies at Indiana University Bloomington is seeking students interested in a fully funded PhD program, beginning in August 2024.

Application deadline: 1 Dec. 2023 (15 Dec. for US residents)

We seek ambitious and globally minded students of German or related fields, who would like to pursue a PhD with full funding in our lively academic community. Our program is considered one of the most distinguished doctoral programs for Germanic Studies in the US and attracts students from the entire world. We would be delighted to welcome you as a student and help you develop a forward-thinking research agenda!

Program

The Department of Germanic Studies at Indiana University Bloomington is among the most renowned and innovative departments in the US. The faculty covers the entire spectrum of Germanic Studies, and faculty members are leaders in current research trends, from empathy studies, history of thought, and performance studies to Jewish studies, memory and diaspora studies, research in antisemitism, and theoretical linguistics. Institutions like the Center for Theoretical Inquiry in the Humanities, the Experimental Humanities Lab, and the Center for Eighteenth Century Studies present students the opportunity to collaborate with leading research initiatives and to find stimulation and support across disciplines. We offer language courses in Dutch, Norwegian, Yiddish, Old Norse, and Old and Middle High German. To learn more about our individual research areas and the profiles of our faculty members, check out our website: <https://germanic.indiana.edu/about/core-faculty/index.html>

Concentrations and course of study

Our program offers degrees in two major fields: you can earn the PhD either in German literature and culture studies, or in Germanic linguistics and philology. In addition to your major, you earn a minor in a related field (e.g. Comparative Literature or Jewish Studies). Students take courses for two to three years, and after that develop the dissertation under intensive personal mentoring. Another important component of the program is the opportunity for shorter or longer research stays in Germany (Berlin). We encourage and mentor our students to participate in and organize conferences and to publish their research. Teaching, including the acquisition of pedagogical skills, is an integral part of the program, and you will be guided in your teaching by internationally recognized specialists.

Funding

The program offers five years of full financial support to fund your doctoral studies. The financial package ranges from \$22,000 to \$24,000 per year (depending on the year of study), consisting of fellowships and instructorships. The funding package includes health insurance and a complete waiver of tuition and fees.



Location

Indiana University Bloomington is one of the most beautiful campuses in the US. With over 100,000 residents and less than an hour from Indianapolis, Bloomington offers a rich cultural life, from cinema to theater to music festivals. With diverse artistic and culinary scenes, for decades Bloomington has attracted creative types from all over the world. The Jacobs School of Music is among the top two music programs in the US, offering performances of a quality exceeding that of many large cities. The surrounding southern Indiana hill country features forests and lakes for hiking and swimming.

Join us!

Application deadline: 1 Dec. 2023 (15 Dec. for US residents); later applications will be considered.

Please join our information session on zoom on November 7, 1 pm EST/19h CET

For details, see <https://germanic.indiana.edu/graduate/index.html>. If you have questions, please contact Johannes Türk, joturk@indiana.edu.

Application documents:

- Detailed statement of purpose
- BA or MA transcripts
- Writing sample (e.g. seminar paper)
- Three letters of recommendation
- TOEFL scores (for applicants from a non-English-speaking country)

