German programs help students to become proficient in a foreign language. Proficiency in a foreign language also includes understanding historical context, sensitivity to nuances and values, and an appreciation for dialects. You will learn to speak, listen to, read, and write the language you are studying. You will learn the grammar, syntax, punctuation, and pronunciation of the language. Also you will study the culture and literature produced in the country and in other areas where the language is spoken. In this way you will learn the importance of the language and you will develop a sensitivity and appreciation for the culture.

Programs at Montana State University will teach foreign cultures, languages, and literature as an integral part of a basic education and an essential component of one's university training. It provides students with the knowledge to better understand their own language and culture and to function intelligently as members of a multicultural society.

Characteristics associated with success in this major include a desire to learn about people and cultures that are different from yours.

You should have:

- a high level of proficiency in the German language
- a good ear for language and communication patterns
- the ability to communicate well orally and in writing
- a willingness to continue education and to stay up-to-date on current issues related to the target culture

Occupations in this field require ability to: speak, listen, read, and write German, use the language in real-life contexts, for both social and professional purposes, understand the social, political, historical, and economic background of the countries whose language they are speaking.

Related occupations include:

- Customs Inspector
- Flight Attendant
- Adult Education Teacher
- Translator
- Travel Guide
- Foreign News Analyst
- English as a Second Language Teacher
- Teacher (Foreign Language)
- Immigration and Customs Inspector
- Interpreter
- Foreign Service Officer
- College/University Faculty
- Travel Guide
- FBI Agent
- Foreign Trade Clerk
- Welfare Eligibility Worker
- Technical Translator
MSU graduates (Bachelor’s degree) were hired in the following selected fields³:

- Compliance Director—U.S. Senate Campaign
- Intern—Gaia Text
- Recreation Aid (Youth Activities) - Edelweiss Lodge and Resort

Salary averages of survey respondents: (# of respondents in parentheses)³

2007: MT: Insufficient Data  Out of State: Insufficient Data
2006: MT: Insufficient Data  Out of State: Insufficient Data
2005: MT: Insufficient Data  Out of State: Insufficient Data
2004: MT: Insufficient Data  Out of State: Insufficient Data

Graduates from this program entered programs of further education at these institutions:

None available at this time

Other Sources of Information:

- American Association of Teachers of German: www.aatg.org
- The Modern Language Association: www.mla.org
- Rocky Mountain Modern Languages Association: http://rmmla.wsu.edu
- Department of Modern Languages – Montana State University: www.montana.edu/wwwml