

Department of Foreign Languages
Illinois State University

Assessment Plan for
B.A. in German

The B.A. in German provides students with advanced language skills and knowledge of German culture, literature, language, and pedagogy. These skills and knowledge will enable them to be intelligent and responsible citizens of a globalized world and to successfully pursue careers in teaching, business, government, or non-governmental organizations.

A. The specific learning objectives of the B.A. in German, including the Teacher Certification Sequence, are:

1. competency in speaking, writing, listening, and reading German;
2. knowledge and critical understanding of the literature, culture, society, and history of the German-speaking countries;
3. Application of knowledge and critical understanding of German-speaking literature, culture, society, and history to the individual student's personal and professional plans;
4. In the case of teacher education majors knowledge of current theories, methods and issues in foreign language education and professional journals and organizations/sources; competency in critical thinking about those theories, methods, and issues; and successful practical application of their knowledge and skills in classes, clinical experiences and student teaching.

B. In for the student to achieve outcomes that are consistent with the program's learning objectives and the departmental, college, and university missions:

1. each course uses the assessment tools listed in German B.A. Curriculum Maps.
2. the German section asks for career plans and academic goals by means of a questionnaire at the beginning of German study and conducts an interview near the end.
3. The German section periodically assesses the success of the overall program based upon the learning objectives, responses from student evaluations, student feedback, professors' evaluations of courses and overall curriculum, and program review and it regularly makes improvements in the program by modifying the:
 - courses offered by the program
 - courses required for each degree
 - frequency with which courses are offered over a period of several years
 - general content of courses offered
 - extra-curricular activities and study abroad programs

(encouraged by social gatherings in various settings including film screenings and discussions, informational meetings, and public events with invited speakers addressing current cultural and political issues as well as career and study abroad opportunities)
