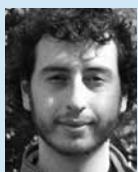




CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Benjamin Duclos '08

German Studies, History



Q: How did you choose your major?

A: I studied German in high school and was obsessed with German soccer. But it was a freshman course at

Connecticut College about Berlin that got me hooked as a German studies major.

Q: Were you close with your professors?

A: One of the strong points of the German studies department is its small size, which translates into smaller classes, more in-depth classroom discussions and closer relationships with professors. Professors were always willing to take time outside of class to help me with essays or just to grab a coffee and chat.

Q: Did you study abroad?

A: During spring break, I traveled with my class and professors to Berlin on a Travel Research and Immersion Program (TRIP), which was fully funded by the College. I also studied in Germany as part of the Baden-Württemberg exchange program.

Q: Did you volunteer while abroad?

A: I volunteered at the Tübingen German-American Institute, working at its library and helping students interested in coming to the U.S. prepare for their trips. I helped found a program that allows American university students studying in Germany to engage German high school students in intercultural discourse.

Q: What have you done since graduation?

A: I received a Fulbright and am currently working in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany, teaching American studies at a high school. With my Fulbright I have also been able to continue my research on the relationship between German national consciousness and German soccer.

German Studies

Overview

The German studies department at Connecticut College strives to bring the foreign elements of German language and culture into the realm of the familiar for students. Your experience in this department will go beyond the acquisition of a second language. As a German studies major, you will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in all aspects of German history, culture, philosophy, politics and language. Because of the department's small size, German studies majors obtain individual attention from their professors and tailor the major to fit their specific interests.

Interdisciplinary Studies

The small size of the major does not limit the quantity or breadth of the courses offered. You can choose from a variety of courses taught in German and English. The department, understanding that the study of a foreign culture is interdisciplinary, encourages students to take related courses in other fields by cross-listing courses, accepting courses from other departments into the major and team-teaching courses with members of other departments. German studies majors may also undertake research projects, either through one of our certificate programs in international studies, community action, environmental studies, or arts and technology, or through a two-semester honors thesis. Students have written on a broad spectrum of topics ranging from soccer and national identity in Germany to multilingualism and the successful multilingual polity of Switzerland.

Opportunities on Campus

Connecticut College welcomes German exchange students to its campus, which will give you many opportunities to interact with native speakers and learn about life in Germany. You will also have the opportunity for informal conversation every day at the German-language lunch table in Knowlton international residence hall. The German studies department also sponsors academic lectures, film screenings and readings, as well as cultural events such as our annual Oktoberfest.

Study Abroad and Internships

If you decide to major in German studies, you will be encouraged to study abroad in Germany or Austria for either a semester or the entire academic year. Connecticut College participates in an academic exchange that allows its students to study at one of the nine universities in Baden-Württemberg: Heidelberg, Freiburg, Tübingen, Karlsruhe, Ulm, Stuttgart, Hohenheim, Mannheim and Konstanz. This exchange program also helps our students find interesting internships. Summer study abroad is another option, with funds available through the department's John S. King Scholarship.

Beyond Connecticut College

Where can you go with your German studies major? Recently, German studies majors at Connecticut College have had tremendous success securing Fulbright scholarships. In the past two years, seven students affiliated with the College's German studies department have been chosen for the Fulbright Scholar Program, which allows them to study, teach and launch a project of their choosing in Germany. Our alumni also excel in graduate and professional school, business, government, academia, and science.

Faculty

Geoffrey Atherton,

Assistant Professor of German Studies; Chair of the German Studies Department
Ph.D., Princeton University; M.A., Dalhousie University; B.A., University of King's College, Canada
Literature and culture of 18th-century Germany; modernism; city of Berlin and memory

Kerstin Mueller, Visiting

Assistant Professor of German Studies
Ph.D., University of Massachusetts, Amherst; M.A., Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg, Germany
German literature in the 20th and 21st centuries; representations of the Holocaust and the Nazi past in German cultural productions; German film

Christian Anderson,

Visiting Assistant Professor of German Studies
B.A., University of Maryland, College Park; M.A., Ph.D., University of California, Davis
German *Bildungsroman*; German expressionism; German film; eco-criticism

Selected Courses

Elementary and Intermediate German Language; Freud and Nietzsche: Introduction to Literary Analysis; Der Fall Kafka; After the Wall: German Literature and Film; World War I and the Collapse of Western Civilization; Radicals, Terrorists, Pacifists in Germany after 1945; War, Holocaust and Memory; Berlin

About Connecticut College

Connecticut College is a highly selective residential liberal arts college with 1,900 students from all over the country and the world. The academic program offers 43 majors in the arts, sciences, social sciences, humanities and other interdisciplinary programs. Students engage with dedicated faculty and each other to create a vibrant social, cultural and intellectual community in which learning is valued for its own sake — and individuals' diverse perspectives enrich the experience of all.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A MAJOR IN GERMAN STUDIES?

Stephanie Gollobin '07

Teaches English at a private language institute in Munich, Germany.

Completed a Fulbright Teaching Fellowship in Hessen, Germany. Studied abroad at the University of Tübingen and did an internship teaching English. Was on the College's equestrian team and was the first freshman to go to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's National Championship.

Allyson Borgelt '06

An international services specialist with the World Forum Foundation in Seattle. Coordinates international conferences uniting early childhood advocates around the globe.

Studied abroad in Freiburg, Germany, and interned in Solothurn, Switzerland. Wrote an honors thesis on the integration of multilingualism in the Swiss education system. Completed a year of community service through AmeriCorps.

Jeff Wang '04

Works at the Asia Society in New York City. Helps U.S. students learn about Chinese language and culture.

Worked for the Baden-Württemberg Exchange Program at the Connecticut Department of Higher Education and received a master's in international studies at the University of Connecticut.

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