



Department of Germanic Studies

The University of Dublin, Trinity College

‘TSM’ Two-subject BA (German + another subject)

Have you enjoyed German at second-level?

Do you have an interest in the **language**, the **countries** where it is spoken, their **culture**, **literature**, **history** and **ways of thinking**?

Then TSM German may be the right course for you!

What is TSM?

The *Two Subject Moderatorship* allows you to combine two subjects up to degree level. TSM German can be combined with a very wide range of other subjects: English, French, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Near and Middle-Eastern Studies, Modern Irish, Film Studies, Drama, History of Art and Architecture, History, Geography, Economics, Mathematics, Philosophy, Sociology or World Religions and Theology. After four years of study you will receive a B.A. Mod. in your two subjects. In 2014 the minimum **CAO entry points** for TSM German ranged between **435** and **550** (depending on second subject). You also need a C1 in German.

What does studying German entail?

The language programme helps you develop your written and spoken German to an advanced level.

In the first year, you'll also get **an overview of modern German-speaking Europe** – Germany, Austria and Switzerland – their society, politics, culture and recent history, as well as an introduction to German literature.

From the second year onwards you have **a wide choice of options in literature and culture**.

This structure helps you to develop advanced language skills and a very good all round understanding of modern German-speaking Europe and its historical roots. At the same time, the option programme allows you to develop and explore your special interests in depth.

You can also choose to replace a German module with one from a **completely different subject area**, for example – Planet Earth, Business management in the 21st century, American History: A survey, Introduction to Psychology. The choice is vast.

And you can spend a year, or half a year, in Germany studying or as a teaching assistant in a school.



1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year	4 th year
<p>German Language Going back over school grammar; practising and improving written and spoken German.</p>	<p>Language Learning about the German university system; translation; more advanced writing and oral work.</p>	<p>Language Learning about different styles of speaking and writing; translation.</p>	<p>Language A translation course and an advanced language course – summarising, debating commenting on current topics.</p>
<p>German Literature Introducing key themes of German culture through films, novels, poetry and plays.</p>	<p>Literature One course on the early history of German literature; two others you choose from a list of topics available (e.g. 1990s Novels or Theatre since 1945)</p>	<p>Literature One course on the later history of German literature; two others you choose from a list of topics available. Topics change every year.</p>	<p>Literature You choose two courses from the list available (e.g. Experimental Prose or Art after Auschwitz).</p>
<p>Textual Analysis Learning how to interpret different kinds of texts in a whole new way.</p>	<p>Cultural History A lecture course that looks at major figures and topics in Germany (e.g., How did Freud change the world?)</p>		<p>Dissertation You write a short thesis on a topic of your own choosing. This makes the TCD degree special!</p>
<p>Area Studies Learning about how the German-speaking countries work.</p>			

Do I spend a year abroad?

This is not a compulsory part of the TSM degree, but we encourage you to spend a year or half a year studying in Germany at one of our partner universities, or working in a school as an English Language Assistant.

What can I do after I graduate?

Anything! A TSM degree equips you with the skills and knowledge of both a general and specific nature that employers value greatly. Many graduates go on to further training (such as doing a H.Dip in Education in order to become a teacher). We have German graduates currently working in journalism, accountancy, finance, marketing, tourism, civil service, teaching... and many other areas.