

About us



German Studies is renowned for its high standards of teaching and research and an annual intake of some 50 undergraduates we are one of the largest in the UK.

At the same time, however, we have remained a close-knit community which attaches great importance to friendly and informal relations between staff and students. Regular events include the annual German play and a staff-student picnic, which is usually held after the summer exams. Students are invited to attend research seminars. We also awards a number of prizes in recognition of student achievement.

Although we have particular strengths in the twentieth century, the staff have teaching and research interests in the culture, politics, history and language of the German-speaking countries from the Middle Ages to the present day. We offer an exceptionally broad and flexible curriculum, with options in German politics, history and culture since the Middle Ages, business German and historical and modern linguistics. Whilst many of our students have studied German before they come to Birmingham, we also offer an intensive course in Beginners' German.

In the Research Assessment Exercise 2008, the German Studies at Birmingham was ranked equal first in the country on the percentage (60%) of our research activity judged to be of international excellence (3*) or world leading (4*), and achieved the third highest average score of 2.60.

[Main image - Munich skyline]

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