



## **Certificate in German Language (ASCER1402)**

The Certificate in German Language would formally recognize intermediate-level proficiency in German (as a minimum), broadening academic and professional opportunities for students across disciplines. German language skills directly benefit students in programs such as International Relations, Philosophy, History, Music, Political Science, and Sociology by enabling them to analyze primary sources, engage with case studies, and conduct research in German-speaking contexts. For students in the sciences, engineering or business programs, knowledge of German provides essential communicative skills and cross-cultural competencies, enhancing students' ability to collaborate effectively in diverse environments and expand their reach into German-speaking markets and communities worldwide.

### **Enrolment Requirements:**

This is an open enrolment Certificate. A student who has completed 4.0 credits may enrol in the Certificate. This Certificate is not open to students enrolled in a Specialist, Major, or Minor in German.

### **Completion Requirements:**

Total: 2.0 credits

2.0 GER credits taught in German

- Courses taught in English – [GER150H1](#) or [GER275H1](#), for instance – are not included for consideration in the Certificate.
- Courses taught at UTM or UTSC are not included for consideration.
- Courses taken in Summer Abroad programs will need to be pre-approved.
- No more than 1.0 transfer credits will be eligible for consideration in the Certificate
- Courses that have been taken as Credit/No Credit cannot be used to fulfill Certificate requirements.

*Please see the additional note on the next page.*

**Note:**

The Certificate will be available for enrolment starting **March 1, 2026**. We are excited to be implementing this new offering, and students can enrol in, and track their progress through, certificates just as they would a program (i.e., through ACORN and Degree Explorer). A Certificate is clearly noted on your transcript when completed (please note that there is no separate parchment for a Certificate conferred at convocation).

The Certificate will only be available to students who are not enrolled in a minor, major or specialist program in the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures.

The new Certificate will replace the old [Language Citation](#) which the Department will no longer be offering in the future. However, for students who still want to complete the Language Citation instead of the new Certificate, the Language Citation will remain available, but only to students who complete one or more of the required courses with the minimum required mark of B- by the end of the Winter 2026 term. Students who have completed at least one of the required courses during this timeframe will be eligible to request the notation of the Language Citation should they complete the requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns about your studies in the Department, or concerns regarding obtaining a Language Citation, or the new Certificate, please reach out to the Undergraduate Administrator at [german.undergradadmin@utoronto.ca](mailto:german.undergradadmin@utoronto.ca).