

BFAR Statements and Rationales

BFAR Category/Broad Area	BFAR Statement	Rationale	Taught	Assessed
Cognitive	Student must demonstrate a working comprehension of how established techniques of inquiry / critical analysis are used to interpret knowledge in German and Slavic Studies.	Within the discipline the basic way for a student to demonstrate competence is to decide on an appropriate research methodology, to situate the research within a specific theoretical framework, and conduct a critical review of available research on the selected topic. The two required theory classes introduce the student to the variety of theories and methodologies in the fields of German and Slavic Studies.	GRMN 7200 GRMN 7210 SLAV 7200 SLAV 7210 To a lesser extent in the nine further credit hours of coursework required	In course work assignments, thesis prospectus, thesis, thesis defense
Cognitive	Student must demonstrate the ability to generalize and synthesize prior knowledge and experience in order to apply it in different settings and novel situations at a level commensurate with an M.A. in German and Slavic Studies.	The most common model to show mastery of the field is the ability to produce a research paper that demonstrates both awareness of existing scholarship and simultaneously the ability to generate original insights and knowledge. A demonstration of such awareness and ability is also required in the student's reviews of existing research, selection of an M.A. thesis topic, and writing of an M.A. thesis.	GRMN 7200 GRMN 7210 SLAV 7200 SLAV 7210 In the nine further credit hours of coursework required	In course work assignments, thesis prospectus, thesis, thesis defense

Cognitive	Student must demonstrate a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights in the discipline of German and Slavic Studies at a level commensurate with an M.A. degree.	This constitutes a fundamental component of the way new knowledge is generated in the field.	GRMN 7200 GRMN 7210 SLAV 7200 SLAV 7210 To a lesser extent in the nine further credit hours required	In course work assignments, thesis prospectus, thesis, thesis defense
Skills and Abilities	Student must demonstrate the ability to undertake and produce original and independent research at the level of an M.A. degree in German and Slavic Studies.	A standard requirement of every M.A. thesis in the field is the ability to gather and process information independently and to develop a fresh approach and original argument.	GRMN 7200 GRMN 7210 SLAV 7200 SLAV 7210 To a lesser extent in the nine further credit hours required	Thesis (thesis prospectus; thesis defense)
Skills and Abilities	Student must produce text in a variety of formats.	To show competence in the discipline the student must be able to produce a research paper (for course work), a thesis prospectus, an M.A. thesis, reviews of existing research, and commentary on examined texts.	All coursework	Course assignments, M.A. thesis (and prospectus)
Skills and Abilities	Student must develop and support sustained arguments in texts at a level commensurate with an M.A. in German and Slavic Studies.	It is a fundamental requirement of the discipline that the student must be able to produce research texts in essay form (written course work, thesis prospectus, M.A. thesis) in a way that demonstrates an ability to handle and extend critical exposition.	All coursework	Course assignments, M.A. thesis (and prospectus)

Skills and Abilities	Student must demonstrate the skills to apply theory. Student must demonstrate the ability to understand and use applicable techniques for research and academic inquiry as appropriate to the level of an M.A. degree in German and Slavic Studies.	The fundamental way of showing competence in the discipline is the M.A. thesis in which the student situates their research within or relates it to existing theoretical and methodological frameworks.	GRMN 7200 GRMN 7210 SLAV 7200 SLAV 7210	Research project papers in GRMN 7200 and GRMN 7210, SLAV 7200 and SLAV 7210; Master's Thesis (thesis prospectus; thesis defense)
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