

Dear prospective Graduate Student Colleague,

The University of Arizona Department of German Studies would like to extend an invitation to you to **apply to our MA or PhD program for Fall 2024**. The application date is **January 15, 2024** (with a second date of March 15 for the MA), and you are welcome to contact me, the Director of Graduate Studies, at joelajacobs@arizona.edu at any point. Below are a few answers to questions you may have, and our website with application instructions can be found here: <https://german.arizona.edu/graduate/prospective-students/graduate-admissions>

Our **MA program** offers tracks in Literature/Culture, Pedagogy, and Translation and comes with intensive mentoring and support for a range of professional futures. Our **Secondary Teaching Certification** program culminates in US high school teaching credentials, including a semester-long internship. Our **dual PhD/Dr. phil. degree program in Transcultural German Studies** includes a year of coursework in Germany, either at the Universität Leipzig or the Universität zu Köln. All admitted PhD students spend two semesters in their second year at one of these two institutions and can graduate with both the US Ph.D. and the German Dr. phil. degree as a result. Find more information [online](#).

We offer **comprehensive financial support**, which includes a teaching salary, tuition waiver, and health insurance, and additional merit scholarship options. This means that our students get paid a salary to live on, practice and expand their teaching skills, and pay no tuition. Tucson is an affordable, multicultural border city with around one million people who speak English, Spanish, Navajo... and German. [Graduate students](#) at Arizona come from countries around the world—in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Europe. We pride ourselves on fostering a community where diverse experiences, backgrounds, and research interests are truly respected and encouraged. Check out our [Virtual Tour](#) to meet your future colleagues!

Our department is an AATG Center of Excellence and has a full-time **faculty** of [eight professors](#), of which approximately half focus on applied linguistics/pedagogy and the other half on literature, culture, and film. In our research, teaching, and advising, we cross traditional thresholds between “literature” and “linguistics” as well as other disciplinary boundaries and encourage our students to pursue their own innovative interests. Because of the size of our faculty, we can offer the whole array of historical perspectives (from the medieval period to the present), in addition to approaches to environmental humanities, gender studies, digital humanities, Black studies, Jewish studies, migration and decolonization, and theories of multilingualism.

Join us for our **virtual Tag der offenen Tür** to meet faculty and graduate students and ask your questions on December 6, 2023, 9-10 AM MST at <https://arizona.zoom.us/my/joelajacobs>. If you can't make it, get in touch for an individual zoom conversation. I invite you to reach out and look forward to hearing from you!

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,

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