

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 2025**. The application date is **January 15, 2025** (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 a US Ph.D. and 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 whom 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, Black studies, Jewish studies, migration and decolonization, and theories of multilingualism.

You can meet us and ask your questions about our program and the application process in several ways:

- Join a graduate student representative and the Director of Graduate Studies for **virtual office hours** on November 8, 2024, 11AM-12PM MST at <https://arizona.zoom.us/my/joelajacobs>.
- Join us for our **virtual Tag der offenen Tür** to meet more faculty and graduate students and ask your questions on December 4, 2024, 10:30-11:30AM MST at <https://arizona.zoom.us/my/joelajacobs>.

To find out what time this is for you, insert Tucson and your location here:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html>. If you are not available at any of these times, get in touch with your questions by email (joelajacobs@arizona.edu). I invite you to reach out and look forward to hearing from you!

Mit herzlichen Grüßen, 

Dr. Joela Jacobs (Assistant Professor of German Studies & Director of Graduate Studies)

