

# Thatcher German Language Program

**Thatcher Language & Culture Programs** provide an experience that includes both academic and social components. Whether you choose to live in Thatcher Residence Hall or not, you will become part of a connected living and learning community where students across Thatcher Programs share interests and meet in community spaces for fun, music, games and food. It is an opportunity that offers students the chance to explore world languages and cultures. **If you are passionate and want to immerse yourself in an interactive cultural experience, then consider joining the Thatcher German Language Program.**

Participants in the Thatcher House German Language Program have access to the Max Kade German Studies Center, which serves as a reference library, a classroom, and a large reception room for hosting cultural events, speakers and a variety of programs.

## **Fall 2019:**

Thatcher German Language Program includes a weekly, two hour, two credit course, which allows students of a variety of proficiency levels to practice and improve their conversational skills while learning about German culture, history, and politics in a dynamic, relaxed, and student-centered classroom setting. An experienced graduate student from the Program of German and Scandinavian Studies teaches the course and organizes the academic, social and cultural activities.

## **Moreover, the class offers a variety of opportunities, both on and off campus, for students to:**

- Participate in German cultural events such as film screenings, television news via satellite transmission, discussion of current events in German-speaking countries, cooking nights to enjoy German food (Schnitzel, Stollen, Pfannkuchen, etc), and the program-sponsored Kaffeepause
- Work collaboratively and have the opportunity to shape their learning experience by selecting topics that interest them to learn more about.
- Celebrate German holidays like Reformationstag, Ostern, Nikolaus, Tag der deutschen Einheit and Karneval.
- Engage in structured cultural and social activities including a Community Night where students will socialize with students from the other Thatcher Language and Culture Programs.

Both German major and non-major students from a variety of disciplines participate in the Thatcher German Language Program. The course provides students with the opportunity to be prepared if they choose to study abroad in a German-speaking country. It also offers a community space where they can return to after studying abroad so they stay connected to both the German language and culture.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please make sure you have read the Thatcher Language & Culture Programs detailed description and then click here to start your application. If you have any questions, please contact: Ela Gezen [egezen@german.umass.edu](mailto:egezen@german.umass.edu)

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE AT MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>.**