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Key Skills

Through studying a degree in German, graduates develop a valuable set of skills transferable to a range of careers. These skills can include:

- Reading, writing, listening and speaking German
- Well-developed communication skills
- Interpretive and analytical thinking
- Understanding of the global interactions which shape contemporary society
- Thinking critically and creatively, and challenging ideas
- Problem solving
- Research and computing
- Time management, planning and organisation.

Practical Learning

Applied learning opportunities are available through:

- Internships with potential employers
- Immersive experiences in German language and culture, including study exchange partnership programmes.

These experiences can deepen graduates' skillset, working knowledge, and employability.

Many employers look for generic skills such as communication, client/customer-focus, bicultural competence, cultural awareness, teamwork and initiative.

With technology, globalisation, and other drivers changing society, skills such as resilience, problem solving, and adaptability are important.

Skills that are likely to grow in importance include analytical and creative thinking, systems thinking, technological literacy, AI and big data.*

* <https://www.skillsfuture.gov.uk/2023/05/11/skills-forecast-2023-2037/>

How to Gain Skills

- Some skills are gained through studying
- Extra-curricular activities can help, such as getting involved in clubs, mentoring, cultural groups, part-time work or volunteering
- Be open to professional and personal development opportunities, whether it is undertaking work experience, overseas exchange, skills seminar, or joining an industry group.

Employability

A degree in German can lead to a variety of career options, for example:

- Learning, Technical and Creative
- Business and Management (Marketing, HR, Sales)
- Finance and Accounting
- Law
- Journalism and Media
- Education
- Health and Social Care
- Engineering and Technology
- Environmental and Sustainability
- Public Administration
- Research and Development
- International Development
- Politics and Government
- Transport and Logistics
- Travel and Tourism
- Writing and Publishing



Graduates with this degree are employed in a range of jobs — see some examples below.

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- Understand immigration instructions
- Assess clients to establish their eligibility for visas or help navigate migration processes
- Write submissions and file applications

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- Specialise in domestic and international markets or laws
- Inspect or coordinate mail, imported and exported goods
- Administer documentation and ensure adherence to the law

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- Promote New Zealand's interests overseas
- Report on affairs and develop foreign and trade policies
- Liaise with local authorities and negotiate agreements with other countries

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- Advertise vacancies and recruit staff
- Advise on workplace policies and procedures
- May oversee staff development, health and safety, pay and reward etc

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- Prepare and deliver learning experiences in specialised subjects
- Understand the learning needs of rangatahi, observe progress to personalise support
- Promote the wellbeing of rangatahi

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- Help develop new markets or business
- Support client relationships and presentations
- Implement sales and marketing strategies

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- Translate spoken language from one language to another, often simultaneously
- Keep abreast of up-to-date meaning of words
- Research specialist topics, travel with groups and present to diwe meaning of dio-r (esent t)14 o-da073 Td(Sales)-10 (assistant)-10 ()JJO O O scn/GS1 gs/T11_1 Tf0.01 Tw 0 -1.6 Td(*)Tj/Span/ActualTextFEFF0009BDC

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