

# WHY STUDY GERMAN @CCHS??

We have an amazing group of teachers in our department and solid arguments for the pursuit of each language we offer! So, whichever language you choose, consider taking it for four years – not only do colleges like it, you will also have an opportunity to acquire a **life skill** that will take you places...literally!

## Now, warum Deutsch?

At Creek, we offer a variety of experiences beyond the classroom to enhance the study of German:

- **Friendship Connection:** 4-week exchange program
- **Estes Park Immersion Weekend** German only experience with other German programs in the area
- **DSD1 and DSD2 testing (German language diploma):** upon passing the level 2 test, students have access to the German university system (some expenses paid!)
- **German club and German honor society:** both clubs offer an opportunity to experience German language and culture beyond the classroom! We play, we cook, we organize movie afternoons and restaurant visits. We also participate in community service projects including “German Club” at our middle school feeders.

Whatever plans you may have for the future, **knowledge of German will increase your options.** German has long been the language of science, and is popular with many university engineering and science programs. When you learn German you acquire a range of skills, which can improve the quality of both your work and private life! Here are **some** of the many arguments for the study of German:

### 1. German is the most widely spoken language in Europe.

More people speak German as their native language than any other language in Europe. While learning German can connect you to 120 million native speakers around the globe, remember that many people also learn German as a second language. It is the 3rd most popular foreign language taught worldwide and the second most popular in Europe and Japan, after English.

### 2. Germany has the 3rd strongest economy and is the #1 export nation in the world.

Germany has the third largest economy in the world and is the economic powerhouse of the European Union.

And don't forget that Switzerland, another German-speaking country, has one of the highest standards of living in the world.

### 3. Knowing German creates business opportunities.

Germany's economic strength equals business opportunities. Multinational business opportunities exist throughout the European Union and in the Eastern European countries, where German is the second most spoken language after Russian. The Japanese, who have the 2nd most powerful economy in the world, understand the business advantages that a knowledge of German will bring them: **68% of Japanese students study German.**

If you're looking for employment in the United States, knowing German can give you great advantages. Most surveyed companies in the United States would choose someone with German literacy over an equally qualified candidate.

### 4. Germans are innovators.

#### Culture Fact



The German Daniel Fahrenheit developed the mercury thermometer in 1714.

From Gutenberg's printing press to Hertz' discovery of electromagnetic waves, from Ehrlich's development of chemotherapy to Einstein's theory of relativity, to Brandenburg's creation of the MP3 digital music format, throughout history Germans have proven themselves time and again to be great innovators. That trend continues today. 4 of the world's 10 most innovative companies are located in Germany and at 12.7% of the world's patent applications, the country ranks 3rd in the world. Consequently, 200,000 businesses introduce new products on the market each year.

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