



AN INTEGRATED PATHWAY TO GERMAN(Y)

Opportunities for Canton Public Schools

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GERMAN – LANGUAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES



Motivating Young Students

SPARK for German provides students opportunities to encounter German in connection with other fun topics (STEM, Global Citizenship, etc.) at an early age through afterschool programs. At the same time, SPARK trains future German teachers.



Intercultural Exchange

GAVE is a digital program that enables secondary school teachers to offer their students a cultural exchange experience with a partner school in Germany. Students will learn more about the partner culture right from their computer.



Studying in Germany

The Study Bridge program is specifically designed to support American high school students who wish to study at a German university by providing linguistic, cultural and subject-matter-specific preparation.



**LEARN, TEACH,
COLLABORATE,
ADVOCATE!**



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SPARK GOALS

- “Spark” interest in German and the cultures of the German-speaking world, with an interdisciplinary focus on the STEM fields.
- Strengthen existing German programs and build additional capacity for German at schools and colleges and universities
- Provide opportunities for students to explore careers in conjunction with German.

WHAT DOES SPARK OFFER?

- Ready-to-use, flexible, and age-appropriate **teaching units and materials** designed for use with elementary, middle, and high school students
- Opportunities for students to **gain practical experience and develop career goals**
- Access to the Goethe-Institut's *Deutsch Lehren Lernen* online courses where aspiring teachers learn strategies for engaging young learners in German language lessons and other **professional development opportunities**, including dedicated SPARK scholarships at Middlebury Summer School
- **Certificates of completion** for successful instructors and participants
- Comprehensive program support from professional coordinators

WHO BENEFITS?

- **Young learners** in SPARK after-school programs get to know Germany and the cultures of the German-speaking world
- **Families** access quality after-school programming that teaches students a new language and fosters intercultural competence
- **Students** interested in exploring a teaching career improve their instructional skills and learn how to facilitate interactive lessons in the target language
- **Teachers** access high-quality materials and professional development opportunities, train and mentor the next generation of German teachers, and join the national SPARK network of German instructors, curriculum developers, and trainers
- **Local communities** benefit from quality instruction and more highly qualified teachers in the future. German instruction in after-school programs connects communities to global cultures

SPARK CURRICULUM

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

GERMAN WITH FELIX AND FRANZI

- Learning through music and movement
- For children 5-8 years old



MIDDLE SCHOOLS:

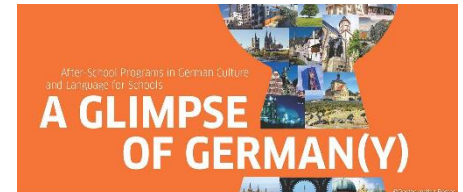
KINDER-UNIVERSITY

- German through STEM
- Learn by engaging in hands-on activities and experiments in the areas of Nature, Technology and Humankind



A GLIMPSE OF GERMAN(Y): GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

- Get to know German-speaking world by exploring cultural topics
- Develop intercultural competence



SPARK CURRICULUM

HIGH SCHOOLS:

STEP INTO GERMAN

- Learning and information portal for teachers and students
- Learn German by exploring music, film, soccer, sustainability and German cities
- Student contests for students, teaching materials, latest videos, news and trends



17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- Creatively engage with U.N.'s sustainable development goals for the planet
- Develop critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Work in teams
- Connect to real world issues and local communities





CONNECTING VIRTUALLY

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GAPP: GERMAN-AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

GAPP SUPPORTS TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS – WITH OR WITHOUT GERMAN PROGRAMS – IN ARRANGING SUCCESSFUL BILATERAL SCHOOL EXCHANGES FOR THEIR STUDENTS.

GAPP schools and coordinators

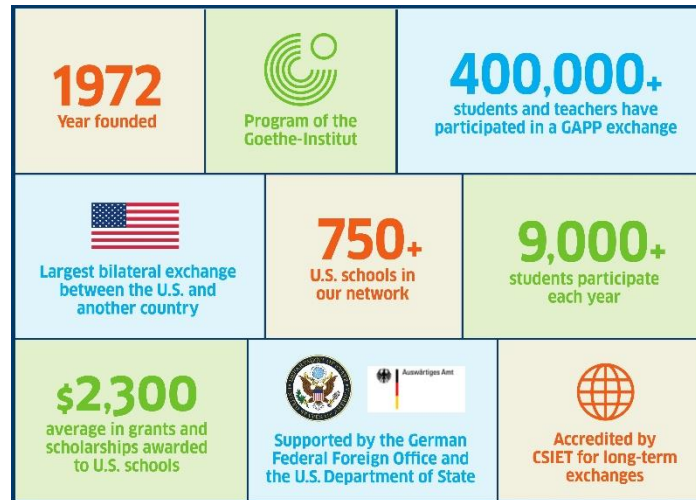
- stand out as a global institution among other schools in their district
- build long-term, trusting relationships with German partner schools
- join a program that is teacher-led, meets individual demands and offers teachers professional development opportunities

GAPP students

- develop global awareness and intercultural skills
- gain confidence and independence
- build life-long friendships

GAPP exchange at a glance (travel option)

- 14+ exchange days
- 10 days with a host family, 5 days in school
- scholarships and grants are available for teachers and groups



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GERMAN-AMERICAN VIRTUAL EXCHANGE FROM GAPP (GAVE)

GAVE IS A FREE VIRTUAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM THAT SUPPORTS TEACHERS IN OFFERING A CULTURAL EXCHANGE TO THEIR STUDENTS.

- Open to all middle and high schools, **with or without a German program**
- Possibility to partner with a technical / vocational school in Germany
- The following support is provided by GAPP/GAVE:
 - help in finding a partner school in Germany
 - complete lesson plans and student worksheets
 - introductory webinars, intercultural training courses, German language courses for teachers of subjects other than German
 - access to a digital platform to conduct an exchange, support before and during exchange
 - stipends for technical equipment (up to \$1000.00)
- Duration of the **virtual** exchange: 4-6 weeks

Topics available for cultural exchange now (all in English):

- Everyday life
- Sustainability

Future topics:

- Sports
- Bullying
- Diversity
- Socialism / Capitalism

More information:
Goethe.de/GAVE

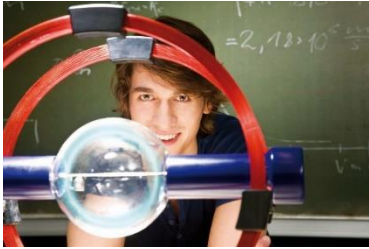


A BRIDGE TO GERMANY

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WHAT IS THE STUDY BRIDGE?



Extensive language and academic training to qualify students during high school to study in Germany through:

- Language courses and exams up to Level B2/C1
- Stays in Germany or digital camps
- Intercultural training
- STEM courses in German
- Academic counseling and training
- Exam prep courses

More information:
[Goethe.de/USA/StudyBridge](https://www.goethe.de/USA/StudyBridge)

ADVANTAGES



Unique modular program



Group of students that share same interests and goals



Summer courses in Germany

Global competence and intercultural understanding



Internationally recognized language certificates



High quality, low cost studies directly after high school



Vibrant cultural scene and extracurricular programs on and off campus



Internationally renowned university degree after three years of study



STUDYING IN GERMANY: WHAT DOES IT COST?

- **Tuition-free** programs
- **Semester fee** (about \$ 200- 350)
- Average **cost of living**: about **\$900/month** (covering food, housing, books, entertainment and other necessities)
- **Scholarship programs** offered



PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

- RWTH Aachen
- Europa Universität Viadrina
- Universität Siegen
- Universität Bonn
- Bauhaus-Universität Weimar
- Ruhr Universität Bochum
- Technische Universität Dortmund
- Universität Duisburg Essen





YOUR PARTNERS: UMASS BOSTON

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UMass Boston Highlights

- A model of excellence for urban public universities
- Part of the University of Massachusetts system
- Combines a small-college experience with the vast resources of a major research university
- Roughly 16,000 students from 136 different countries
- 53% of students identify as a minority
- Currently ranked the third most diverse college campus in the United States
- Deep roots in Boston with connections to employers in industries from business and education to health care, technology, and public service

The image features a large, modern brick building with a curved glass facade on the left side, reflecting the sky. The building is set against a sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. In the foreground, there is a large, 3D metal sculpture of the UMass Boston logo, which includes a stylized 'U' and the words 'UMASS BOSTON' in bold, block letters. The logo is positioned in front of some greenery and trees with autumn-colored leaves.

**UMASS
BOSTON**



German Studies Highlights

- Located in the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (MLLC) in the College of Liberal Arts
- Serves over 250 students per year
- Offers a minor in German Studies
- Five faculty members
- Learn more www.umb.edu/german

German Studies Extracurricular Activities

- Kaffeeklatsch: Weekly conversations about all things German
- Global Cultures Club: Intercultural student club
- Hessen-Massachusetts Virtuell: Meet-ups with students in Germany
- German Watch-Party: Curated film series
- German tutoring
- Study abroad opportunities at 24 German universities
- Faculty-lead study abroad program in Berlin/Potsdam, Germany
- Internship program

German Studies Course Offerings

GERMAN 100 (101+102) Elementary German
GERMAN 200 (201+202) Intermediate German
GERMAN 300 (301+302) Advanced Intermediate German

GERMAN 225L - Berlin: Crossroads of History
GERMAN 255L - Pacting with the Devil: The Faust Tradition
GERMAN 330L - Ghostly Doubles and Evil Twins
GERMAN 340L - Migration and Diversity in Europe
GERMAN 350L - Green Germany
GERMAN 355L - European Crime Fiction
GERMAN 365L - Masterpieces of German Literature
GERMAN 372L - German Cinema

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Long-standing experience as

- German instructors
- Teacher trainers
- Authors of teaching materials
- Curriculum planners
- Study abroad coordinators



Meet one of our students: Martin Aliberti

- Mathematics major, German Studies minor
- German tutor at UMass Boston
- Completed a SPARK training program
- Will enroll in a semester-long pedagogy course accompanying the SPARK program

Martin will be offering the SPARK program jointly with 1-2 other students.

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**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ATTENTION.**