The German minor offers courses in the language, literatures and cultures of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Students minoring in German gain transferable skills such as global awareness, cross-cultural literacy and the ability to work with diverse groups, preparing them for employment in fields including education, government, journalism, international business and translation. They also read works from some of the world's great philosophers, poets, composers, political thinkers, scientists and theologians in the original German. In addition, a background in German benefits those pursuing primary studies or future graduate work in comparative literature, economics, Germanic studies, international business, international law, linguistics and political science.