

GERMAN HOUSE APPLICATION FORM, 2024-2025 (Reopened Application)
New due date: Friday, Feb. 16, 2024. Give directly (or email) to a Valpo German professor.

Please note: Students interested in the German House RA position needed to complete an RA application by January 22, 2024 by following instructions at: www.valpo.edu/reslife/raselection/

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

A complete application consists of the following:

- 1) this application form
- 2) the German House pledge, signed
- 3) your application essay
- 4) an RA recommendation form (at the end of this application)

Your Housing Preference

For which semester(s) are you applying to live in the German House?

- Fall Semester Spring Semester Both Fall and Spring Semesters

What kind of room do you request?

2023-2024 rates were \$4,526 per semester per person for a double, \$6,579 for a single per semester.

- Prefer single, but will accept double
- Prefer double, but will accept single
- Will only live in the German House if I can have a single
- Will only live in the German House if I can have a double

Roommate preference: _____

If you do not have a preferred roommate, we will match you with someone.

Are you applying to be an RA through the Office of Residential Life? Yes No

If yes, do you wish to be considered for the German House RA position? Yes No

See the note above and complete the RA application by January 22 if so.

Funding

Each student who lives in the German House while taking at least one 3-credit Valpo German course above the 204 level receives a **German House Residency Scholarship** in the amount of \$500 per semester, over and above that student's regular financial aid package.

Depending on availability of funds, additional scholarship money is sometimes available. This is awarded on the basis of financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office. **Please indicate whether you would like to be considered for additional need-based aid.**

- yes no

Residents of the German House also save on meal card money, since they cook their own dinners five nights a week. For example, the required meal card purchase was only \$487 in 2023/2024 (much less than the cross-campus cost). Students also pay \$20 to \$25 per week for groceries.

Your Academic Standing

What is your current status as a student of German?

- German Major German Minor VIEP EIB Other

Total credit hours as of December 2023: _____ Overall GPA as of December 2023: _____

Your Experience with German

How many years did you study German in high school? _____

Which of the following German courses have you taken (including the current semester)?

- 204 220 290 291 305
 306 354 355 390 493

Have you studied abroad in a German-speaking country?

- Yes No Not yet, but I plan to

Where?

- Tübingen Reutlingen Other: _____

If you have had your Mid-point Check-in (sophomores), at what level was your speaking ability rated?

- Intermediate Low Advanced Low Superior
 Intermediate Mid Advanced Mid
 Intermediate High Advanced High

Have you lived in the German House before?

- Yes No If yes, when? _____

Dietary Restrictions

German House residents have normally been able to accommodate each other's dietary restrictions.

Do you have any dietary restrictions?

- Yes No

If yes, what?

- Vegetarian Vegan Allergies: _____
 Other: _____

Commitment

By completing this application, **you are committing yourself** to living in the German House if selected—unless you declare a preference for another application you plan to submit. Examples are: position as an RA, but not at the German House; a Living Learning Community at Beacon Hall; off-campus housing.

Are you submitting another, different housing application for the 2024-2025 academic year?

- Yes No

If yes, what kind?

- RA (not at the German House)
 Other: _____

If accepted to both, which placement will you take?

- RA position (not at the German House) / another living opportunity
 German House residency

GERMAN HOUSE ESSAY

Below, please write a paragraph in English (around 150-200 words) addressing the following:

1. Why you wish to live in the German House
2. How you will contribute to the life and activities of the German House and German Club
3. How you will resolve conflicts involving the community meal time or dietary restrictions

GERMAN HOUSE INFORMATION

Eligibility

1. Applicants must have completed at least German 204 or the equivalent by the time residency begins. Freshmen are not eligible to live in the German House.
2. Applications are accepted from any student, regardless of major; international students whose native language is German will be considered if space is available. **Students who are not German exchange students are expected to enroll in a German course each semester of residency.**
3. A committee of faculty members (composed of the German faculty and at least two former Reutlingen directors) makes the selections and room assignments. Selection is based on academic standing, German ability, and promise to contribute to the success of the German House community. The configuration of suites, which are always same-gender, may affect selection.

The Facility

The Kade-Duesenberg German House and Cultural Center is located at 822 Mound Street. Student residential units, located on the second floor, are configured in suites. Three suites have two bedrooms and one bathroom; a fourth suite has one double room and a bathroom. Two rooms are singles. The facility is co-educational, but each suite houses either all women or all men. The native-speaker RA resides in a separate suite, also located on the second floor.

A great room with dining facilities and an adjacent kitchen are also located on the second floor. All residents participate Sunday through Thursday in a communal evening meal prepared by the residents. The residential floor also has laundry facilities, a small study/computer room, and a lounge.

The first floor of the facility houses a lobby and gallery space, a large conference room, a small seminar room (the "Library"), a dining servery, office space for the Director of the Kade-Duesenberg German House and Cultural Center, and a modest apartment for visiting scholars. A secure entry configuration ensures that visitors to the first floor do not have access to the second floor unless escorted by a resident.

GERMAN HOUSE PLEDGE

Name: _____

Please read the German House Rules and Expectations carefully and sign the German House pledge.

Rules and Expectations

1. German House residents follow the same rules that govern other residence halls, particularly with regard to **alcohol and visitation**.
2. German House residents take **good care of the facility**, preserving the generous gifts of the Duesenbergs, Krefts, Giebels, and the Max Kade Foundation for generations of students to come.
3. German House residents **speak in German** with one another in all public areas of the German House. English may be used with non-German speaking guests, but should be restricted to the suite areas or to very specific times such as German Club meetings or special dinners with non-German speaking guests.
4. German House residents eat their **weekday evening meals** (Sunday - Thursday) together at the House with preparation, clean-up, and expense shared equally among the residents. Students will additionally purchase a meal card (\$425 per semester in 2019-2020) to use for breakfast and/or lunch.
5. German House residents host and attend regular **German Club meetings**. They are encouraged to develop and participate in additional activities that include non-residents and that promote the use of German and knowledge of German culture.
6. German House residents regularly attend Kaffeestunde (schedule permitting) and other **German Program events**, augmenting their own learning and serving as an example to others.

My signature affirms that I understand and fully support the rules and expectations for German House residents and that, if accepted to live in the German House, I pledge to abide by these rules and expectations.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

GERMAN HOUSE RECOMMENDATION FORM
(Give this page to your reference person, who should turn it in for you.)

Name: _____

New due date: Friday, Feb. 16, 2024. Give directly (or email) to a Valpo German professor, such as Prof. Malchow at tim.malchow@valpo.edu.

To the Applicant

1. Fill in your name above and give the recommendation form to your current RA. If you do not have an RA, you may ask a former RA, an RLC, a professor, or a campus employer. Allow at least 10 days for your reference person to fill out the form.

2. Check one of the statements listed below and sign as indicated:

I waive my right to access of this form and other material connected to the selection process.

I do not waive my right to access of this form and other material connected to the selection process.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

To the Reference Person

The student named above has applied to live in the Kade-Duesenberg German House and Cultural Center. Living in the German House entails particular responsibilities:

1. Students are expected to **speak only German** in public areas of the German House

2. They prepare and share **communal meals** five days a week

3. They organize and participate in **activities** such as German Club.

The committee will assess the applicant's German ability; your honest appraisal of this student's overall potential as a resident of the German House is greatly appreciated.

Name of Reference Person: _____

Relationship to Applicant:

Applicant's current RA

Applicant's former RA

Professor

Campus Employer

Please evaluate the applicant on each characteristic listed below using the following rating system. Written comments are greatly appreciated.

- 1 = Excellent
- 2 = Above Average
- 3 = Average
- 4 = Minimally acceptable
- 5 = Not acceptable
- N/A = Not applicable or no information

_____ INITIATIVE: The ease and vigor with which this person approaches a new situation or develops a new project. (Is the applicant likely to initiate an activity for residents and/or non-residents of the German House?)

Comments:

_____ COOPERATION: The applicant's ability to work with others. (Is the applicant likely to participate in activities initiated by others?)

Comments:

_____ RESPONSIBILITY: The degree to which this person is dependable, reliable, and accurate in his/her work. (Is the applicant likely to keep his/her pledge to speak only German in the German House?)

Comments:

_____ PERSONAL DISPOSITION: The applicant's ability to interact in a residential community. (Is the applicant likely to maintain a level-headed disposition in situations of conflict, anxiety, or social discomfort?)

Comments:

Additional Comments or Explanations:

Reference Person's signature: _____ Date: _____