

German Online Sources (general sources)

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Links are exhaustive but not complete. All links were valid during the creation of this syllabus in June 2016.

Sources for document recognition

Sources for German handwriting

FamilySearch: << http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany_Handwriting >>

Sütterlin: << <http://www.suetterlinschrift.de/Englisch/Sutterlin.htm> >>

Start writing: << http://www.european-roots.com/tool_deutsches-lesebuch-starter.pdf >>

Start writing: << <http://www.omniglot.com/writing/german.htm> >>

Handwriting guide: << http://feefhs.org/guides/German_Gothic.pdf >>

ICAPGen: << <http://www.icapgen.org/icapgen/germanyresources> >>

Try also Google: enter “German handwriting”, switch to Images.

Old German computer fonts for free download

Old German fonts: << <http://www.1001fonts.com/old-german-fonts.html> >>

German fonts: << <http://www.fontspace.com/category/german> >>

German fonts: << <http://www.fonts101.com/search/German> >>

German fonts: << <http://www.european-roots.com/icapgen.html> >> (Click on fonts)

Installation guide : << http://www.european-roots.com/tool_how_to_install_and_types.pdf >>

Special German letters (incl. Umlaut)

ASCII-guide: << <http://www.irongeek.com/alt-numpad-ascii-key-combos-and-chart.html> >>

Resources about ancestors submitted by others

FamilySearch / Family Tree

FamilySearch: << <https://familysearch.org/> >>

FamilySearch catalog

FamilySearch: << <https://familysearch.org/catalog-search> >>

WorldCat database: << <http://www.worldcat.org/> >>

List of available town lineage books

Genealogy.net: << <http://www.online-ofb.de/> >> (German, list is not complete)

Submitted family trees or indexes

Ancestry.com: << <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1030> >>

MyHeritage.com: << <http://www.myheritage.com/> >>

MyTrees.com: << <http://www.mytrees.com/> >>

GeneaNet: << <http://www.geneanet.org/> >>

Society of Computer Genealogy: << <http://gedbas.genealogy.net/> >>

FoKO: << <http://foko.genealogy.net/> >> (German)

Rootsweb: << <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/> >>

Ahnenforschung.net: << <http://ahnenforschung.net/fernabfrage/> >> (German, searches several databases at the same time)

Surname Navigator: << <http://www.surnamenavigator.org/> >> (searches several databases at the same time)

Try also Internet browser and search a family name in combination with a town name.

Search societies via browser

No complete lists are available. The following links contain many of the German genealogical societies.

Lists several societies: << <http://db.genealogy.net/vereine/> >> (German)

Lists several societies: << <http://wiki-en.genealogy.net/Portal:Societies> >> (German and English)

Military records

Fallen soldiers: << <http://www.volksbund.de/graebersuche.html> >> (German)

Fallen soldiers and displaced or missing individuals: << <http://www.vksvg.eu/> >> (German)

Fallen soldiers, Wehrmacht records: << http://www.dd-wast.de/frame_e.htm >>

Military and civil medical records << <http://www.berlin.de/lageso/> >> (mostly German)

Military archive of Germany:

<< http://www.bundesarchiv.de/bundesarchiv/organisation/abteilung_ma/index.html.de >> (German)

Displaced or missing individuals:

<< <http://www.drk.de/angebote/migration-und-suchdienst/suchdienst.html> >> (German)

Monuments of fallen soldiers: << <http://www.denkmalprojekt.org/en.htm> >>

Emigration / Immigration databases

University of Oldenburg: << <http://www.nausa.uni-oldenburg.de/nausae.htm> >>

Archive Baden-Württemberg: << <http://www.auswanderer.lad-bw.de/> >> (German)

German Emigrants Database: << <http://www.deutsche-auswanderer-datenbank.de/> >>

Bremen passenger lists: << <http://www.passagierlisten.de/> >> (German)

Ellis Island: << <http://www.ellisland.org/> >>

Castle Garden: << <http://www.castlegarden.org/> >>

Jewish research

Jewish central archive in Germany: << <http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/institute/sonst/aj/> >> (German)

Holocaust victims: << <http://db.yadvashem.org/names/search.html?language=en> >>

Victims of Nazi persecution: << <http://www.bundesarchiv.de/gedenkbuch/directory.html> >>

Archives on the web: << <http://bibliomaven.com/#jlggermany> >> (some in German)

Cemeteries: << http://www.alemannia-judaica.de/juedische_friedhoeefe.htm >> (German)

Other sources

Pages about heraldry research

Ancestry and Crests: << <http://ahnen-und-wappen.de> >> (German)

Heraldic on the Web: << <http://www.heraldik-wappen.de/> >> (German)

Heraldica: << <http://www.heraldica.org/> >>

Crests: << <http://www.wappenbuch.de/> >> (German)

Wikipedia: << http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liste_deutscher_Adelsgeschlechter >> (German)

Pages about nobility research

Database: << <http://www.stammreihen.de/> >> (mostly German)

Nobility society: << <http://www.adel-in-deutschland.de/familienverbaende/uebersicht> >>

Institute of German Nobility Research: << <http://home.foni.net/~adelsforschung/> >> (mostly German)

Collegium Rerum Nobilium (Austrian nobility only) << <http://www.coresno.com/> >> (German)

Geneall: << <http://www.geneall.net/site/home.php> >>
Wikipedia: << http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liste_deutscher_Adelsgeschlechter >> (German)
Nobility and VIPs of the past: << <http://roglo.eu/roglo?lang=en> >>

Pages with genealogical mail lists

Rootsweb (general): << <http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/> >>
Rootsweb (German lists): << http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jfuller/gen_mail_country-ger.html >>
Genealogy.net: << <http://list.genealogy.net/mailman/listinfo/> >> (German)
Cyndie's List: << <http://www.cyndislist.com/maillinglist/> >>

Web browsers specializing on genealogy content

Mocavo: << <https://www.mocavo.com/> >> (specializing on genealogy related info)

Tools for finding parish borders

Parish district maps: << <http://elakiwue.alta4cloud.com/> >> (German)
Try also Google.de (German version) and enter keyword: Kirchengemeindegrenzen (in combination of your town name where the parish is located).

German telephone books

Das Oertliche: << <http://www.dasoertliche.de/> >> (German)
Telefonbuch.de: << <http://www.dastelefonbuch.de/> >> (German)

Church archives

Entry site for German parish archives: << <https://www.archion.de/> >>

Civil records

Go via << www.ancestry.com >>, "Search", "Browse Card Catalog", drill down by locality

German civil registry offices (= Standesamt)

Entry site: << <http://www.standesamt.com/> >> (German)

State archives and repositories

Archive School: Marburg: << <http://www.archivschule.de/DE/service/archive-im-internet/> >>

Genealogy software

Archives.com: << <http://www.archives.com/genealogy/free-software.html> >>
GenWiki: << <http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Kategorie:Genealogiesoftware> >> (mostly German, many links to software companies are in English)
Download.com: << <http://download.cnet.com/windows/genealogy-software/> >>

Gazetteers

Ancestry.com: << <http://search.ancestry.com/> >> [Choose "Search" tab, "Search all Categories", scroll down "Explore by Location", choose "Europe", choose "Germany", go to "Germany Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers", choose sub category "Prussia, Municipality Gazetteer, 1905" (for Prussian gazetteer) or "Mayers Gazetteer of the German Empire" (for Mayers Orts- und Verkehrslexikon)] or <<<http://www.meyersgaz.org/> >>
Kartenmeister: << <http://www.kartenmeister.com/preview/databaseuwe.asp> >> [scroll down]
Incomplete Meyers Gazetteer: << <http://beta.meyersgaz.org> >>
JewishGen: << <http://www.jewishgen.org/Communities/LocTown.asp> >>
Computer-genealogy society: << <http://gov.genealogy.net/search/index> >>

Pro Genealogists: << <http://www.progenealogists.com/germany/gazetteersmain.html> >>
Rademachers town books: << <http://www.verwaltungsgeschichte.de/ortsbuch39.html> >> (German)
Genealogienetz: << <http://www.genealogienetz.de/faqs/ortssuche.html> >> (German)

Maps

Kartenmeister: << <http://www.kartenmeister.com/preview/databaseuwe.asp> >>
University Library of Wisconsin: << <http://www.library.wisc.edu/etext/ravenstein/> >>
Posselt Family: << <http://www.posselt-landkarten.de/> >> (German)
David Rumsey Map Collection: << <http://www.davidrumsey.com/> >>
Ancestry.com: << <http://search.ancestry.com/> >> [Choose “*Search*” tab, “*Search all Categories*”, scroll down “*Explore by Location*”, choose “*Europe*”, choose “*Germany*”, go to “*Germany Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers*”, choose sub category “*Germany Topographic Maps, 1860-1965*”]
Map archive: << <http://www.landkartenarchiv.de/index.php> >> (German)
Bavarian State Library: << <http://www.bayerische-landesbibliothek-online.de/ortsblaetter> >> (German)
Map-Index: << <http://www.landkartenindex.de/> >> (German)
FEEHFS Maps: << <http://feefhs.org/maplibrary.html> >>
Maproom: << <http://www.maproom.org/> >>

General knowledge sources about German genealogy

FamilySearch: << https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page >>
Wikipedia: << http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page >>
Encyclopedia Britannica: << <http://www.britannica.com/> >>
Try also a search engine and enter keyword(s) about a specific topic.

Old German calendar names and time specifications

Calendar Converter: << <http://www.daniel-stieger.ch/daten.htm> >>

Conversion from Julian to Gregorian calendar

CSG Network: << <http://www.csgnetwork.com/julianmanycalconv.html> >>

Latin-German surnames

European Roots: << http://www.european-roots.com/tool_latin-german-surnames.pdf >>
Rambow Genealogie: << <http://www.rambow.de/latinisierte-familiennamen.html> >> (German)

German-Slavic surnames

European Roots: << http://www.european-roots.com/tool_germanized_slavic_names.pdf >>

Feast days in German records

Kirchenkalender: << <http://kirchenkalender.com> >> (German)
Online Roots: << <http://youronlineroots.com/helligdager.php> >>

Dictionaries

German – English – German dictionary: << <http://dict.leo.org/> >> (German)
Latin – English dictionary: << <http://archives.nd.edu/latgramm.htm> >>
Google translate: << <http://translate.google.com/> >>

German thesaurus

DFG: << <http://woerterbuchnetz.de/DWB/> >> (German)

Weights and measures

Formula collection: << <http://www.formel-sammlung.de/ld-Alte-Ma%C3%9Fe-und-Gewichte-108.html> >> (German)

Heven society: << <http://www.heimatverein-heven.de/alte-masse/preussische-masse-um-1860.htm> >> (German)

Schutzgebiete society: << http://www.deutsche-schutzgebiete.de/deutsches_mass_und_gewicht.htm >> (German)

Wikipedia: << [http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alte_Ma%C3%9Fe_und_Gewichte_\(Preu%C3%9Fen\)](http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alte_Ma%C3%9Fe_und_Gewichte_(Preu%C3%9Fen)) >> (German)

University protocols: << <http://www.uni-protokolle.de/Lexikon/Skrupel.html> >> (German)

Wieseleben society: << http://www.wieseleben.at/index_1.html >> (German)

Currencies, wages, costs

Currencies: << <http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Kategorie:M%C3%BCnzen> >> (German)

Wages and costs: << <http://www.zeitspurensuche.de/02/st1preis.htm> >> (German)

Name databases

German first names: << <http://www.firstname.de/html/index.html> >>

German family names: << <http://christoph.stoepel.net/geogen/en/Default.aspx> >>

or the older version: << <http://legacy.stoepel.net/en/Default.aspx> >>

German letter writing guide

Guide: << https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany_Letter_Writing_Guide >>

Word list for German and Latin (including abbreviations)

European Roots: << http://www.european-roots.com/tool_german-wordsandabbreviations.pdf >>

FamilySearch: << https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/German_Word_List >>

Word lists of old German professions

Rootsweb: << <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~romban/misc/germanjobs.html> >>

European Roots: << http://www.european-roots.com/tool_old-german-professions.pdf >>

JewishGen: << <http://www.jewishgen.org/infofiles/germanoccs.htm> >>

Medical terms

German only: << http://www.web-schlagbauer.de/Main/Begriffe/Krankheiten.php?84_6 >>

German-Latin terms: << <http://www.amf-verein.de/praxistipps/latein/krankheiten/index.html> >>

Latin-German terms: << <http://www.andreas-karstens.de/alte-begriffe.html?letter=All&glossid=2> >>

Numbers

German numbers: << http://www.european-roots.com/tool_german-numbers.pdf >>

Latin numbers: << http://www.european-roots.com/tool_latin-numbers.pdf >>

Conversion program between Arabic and Latin numbers: <<

http://www.novaroma.org/via_romana/numbers.html >>

Genealogical symbols

Wikipedia: << http://wiki-en.genealogy.net/Symbols_and_Signs >> (English)

Wikipedia: << http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Genealogische_Symbole_und_Zeichen >> (German and English)

Symbols for days of the week: << <http://www.dglenn.org/defs/daysymbols.html> >>

