“In psychology German scientists played a significant role. And since some psychology terms come directly from German (e.g. "Gestaltpsychologie"), it helps to speak and understand German. For both a neuro and a psych student, being a German major/minor also means having a more diverse educational background, which translates to "more diverse," and therefore "more competitive" when applying for graduate schools.

I have coworkers at MUSC that are from Germany and Austria, so my German knowledge has helped me communicate with other German-speaking scientists. Also, while scientific literature is often written in English or can be translated into English, there are also journal articles that are published only in German, and for these, my German knowledge has been a tremendous help.”