

## New Program Request

### Part A.

#### 1. Institution:

Illinois State University

#### 2. Department:

Foreign Languages

#### 3. Title of Proposed Program:

Integrated Bachelor of Arts and Masters in Foreign Languages

#### 4. 6-Digit CIPS Code: 16.0101

#### 5. Proposed Date for Initiation of Program: Fall 2006

#### 6. Description and Catalog Copy

The Integrated Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Masters of Arts (M.A.) in Foreign Languages enables a student to complete the B.A. and M.A. degrees in five years. It is available to the most promising Illinois State University, non-teacher education majors in French, German, or Spanish. The department may invite applicants with a 3.5 G.P.A. or higher to apply after they have completed at least two 200-level courses.

Students accepted into the program must have sufficient undergraduate credits (approximately 90 hours) by their senior year in order to take courses for graduate as well as undergraduate credit. They do not normally complete a second undergraduate major.

All regular undergraduate requirements for the B.A. degree outside of the major will apply to candidates for the integrated degree.

Candidates generally take nine hours of graduate credit during their senior year and eighteen (18) hours of graduate credit during their graduate (fifth) year, and one course for joint credit, for the equivalent of thirty (30) graduate hours. Fifteen (15) course hours must be at the 400 level and approved as part of the graduate plan of study. All courses required for the regular B.A. will be completed by the end of the senior year. Should a student decide to leave the integrated B.A./M.A. and complete only a B.A., all regular undergraduate degree requirements will apply.

The two semesters of graduate study must take place at Illinois State University. B.A./M.A. students are eligible to receive a graduate assistantship during their graduate year and, if they have already completed 120 hours, during the last semester of their fourth year. 147 total hours are required for the integrated program.

Upon completion of the program, both a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Arts Degree will be awarded.

#### French Sequence:

In addition to the 27 hours of graduate study, the French Sequence requires 35 hours of undergraduate study including French 115, 116, 213, 214, 220, 235 or 335, 305, 395 and 3 additional 300-level courses approved

by the department.

#### German Sequence:

In addition to the 27 hours of graduate study, the German Sequence requires 35 hours of undergraduate study including German 115, 116, 211, 213, 217, 218, and 5 courses at the 300 level approved by the department.

#### Spanish Sequence:

In addition to the 27 hours of graduate study, the Spanish Sequence requires 33 or 34 hours of undergraduate study, including Spanish 116 or 120, 213, 223, 215, 233, 305, 2 courses among 323, 324, 325 or 315, and 3 courses among 336, 337, 360, 385, or 395. Only students beginning study at Spanish 116 or higher are eligible for this sequence.

The 27 graduate hours for all sequences must be completed with an average GPA of 3.0 or higher in at least three of the following areas: culture, linguistics, literature, and pedagogy. Students must pass a comprehensive examination and may choose to write a Master's thesis as part of their graduate requirements. Details about academic requirements may be obtained from the Department of Foreign Languages

### 7. Rationale

Educating Illinois states: "As enrollment strategies are carefully considered, academic departments and schools should continue to consider the development of five-year integrated B.A./M.A. (B.S./M.S.) programs, where appropriate." At present, there is no integrated B.A./M.A. in Foreign Languages in the state of Illinois. This leaves a potential pool of applicants who might consider attending Illinois State, rather than other Illinois public universities, in order to receive their B.A. and M.A. degrees in five, rather than six, years. The Foreign Languages Department at Illinois State is well placed to attract these applicants, since it already has established a successful B.A. and M.A. programs in French, German, and Spanish.

According to Educating Illinois, an integrated B.A./M.A. program "helps to attract more high-achieving students, enhances the intellectual caliber of the undergraduate experience for participating students, decreases graduate student time to degree, and serves as a prestige marker for the University." The Integrated Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Arts Program in Foreign Languages is designed to achieve all three of these objectives. The quality of the program and the opportunity to complete an M.A. in one less year should attract excellent students to Illinois State and increase the university's reputation. Only those students with a 3.5 G.P.A. or higher, whom the Foreign Language faculty judge to be capable of taking 300-level courses in their junior year, will be accepted into the program.

Time to degree will be decreased by requiring only 30, rather than 36, credits, for the graduate degree. The reduction in graduate level study will be compensated for by the replacement of two 200-level courses in French and German with two 300-level courses (for a total of five rather than three 300-level courses or higher) and the addition of one 300-level course in Spanish (for a total of six rather than five 300-level courses or higher). See Appendix A for sample Plans of Study in the three sequences.

Integrated B.A./M.A. students will receive the same level of content, knowledge, and skills as regular graduate students. Since, as undergraduates, they will begin 300-level study in their junior, rather than senior, year and will take more 300-level courses than regular majors, they will get the chance to develop at a more challenging and motivating pace. Moreover, they will be expected to achieve higher standards of

achievement in critical thinking and cultural awareness on the undergraduate level than other B.A. students in Foreign Languages.

All integrated B.A./M.A. students will have completed all requirement for the regular B.A. by their senior year in case they decide not to remain in the integrated program in order to complete an M.A.

#### **8. Expected impact of proposal on existing campus programs**

The only possible impact that the proposed program may have on existing campus programs outside the department of Foreign Languages is that it may eliminate one or two second majors. Within the department there may be a small reduction in the number of regular majors.

#### **9. Expected curricular changes**

Given the expected size of the program, no curricular changes, including new courses, will be necessary. There is sufficient extra room in 300- and 400-level French, German, and Spanish courses.

#### **10. Milner Library resources**

No new resources at Milner Library will be needed.

#### **11. Anticipated Staffing Arrangements**

Since no new courses or sections will be necessary, no new staff will be needed.

#### **12. Anticipated funding needs and source of funds**

Since no new courses or staff will be needed, no additional funds will be required.

### **Part B.**

#### **This program will not require:**

1. more than 124 semester hours of course work at the undergraduate level.
2. more than 55 semester hours in the major.
3. more than 76 hours at the undergraduate level, excluding General Education.

## Appendix A

### Integrated B.A./M.A. in Foreign Languages French Sequence

R=required undergraduate course; E=major elective; G=graduate course; GE=required General Education course

	Courses	Hours	Sem.	B.A.	M.A.	Joint
<b>Semester 1</b>						
FOR 115.12 (R)	Second-year French (Part I)	4		4		
ENG 101 (GE)	Language and Composition	3		3		
MAT 111 (GE)	Data and Chance	3		3		
CHE 102 (GE)	Chemistry and Society	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	16	3		
	Credit for Acquired Proficiency***	8	8	8		
<b>Semester 2</b>						
FOR 116.12 (R)	Second-year French (Part II)	4		4		
COM 110 (GE)	Language And Communication	3		3		
PHY 102 (GE)	Atoms to Galaxies	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	16	3		
<b>Semester 3</b>						
FOR 214.12 (R)	Advanced French Conversation and Culture	3		3		
IDS 121 (GE)	Texts and Contexts	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 4</b>						
FOR 213.12 (R)	Advanced Techniques in Written French	3		3		
FOR 220.12 (R)	Advanced French Reading and Vocabulary Skills	3		3		
SOC 112 (GE)	American Family: Change and Diversity	3		3		
POL 101 (GE)	Citizens and Governance	3		3		
IDS 203 (GE)	Nations and Narrations	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 5</b>						
FOR 325.12 (E)	Selected Topics in Francophone Literature and Culture	3		3		
FOR 305.12 (R)	Histoire de la civilisation française	3		3		
ECO 103 (GE)	Individual and Social Choice	3		3		
ANT 101 (GE)	Human Origins	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 6</b>						
FOR 235.12 (R)	Advanced French Grammar	3		3		
FOR 314.12 (E)	Studies in Contemporary French and Francophone Cult.	3		3		
FOR 328.12 (E)	Sel. Topics in 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Fr. Lit. and Cult.	3		3		
GEO 207 (GE)	Human Disasters	3		3		
ART 176 (GE)	Arts and Society: Visual Arts	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 7</b>						
FOR 340.12 (G)	Introduction to Applied French Linguistics	3			3	
FOR 420.12 (G)	Selected Topics in French Literature and Culture	3			3	
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 8</b>						
FOR 385.12 (E/G)*	Selected Topics in French Literature	3				3*
FOR 440.12 (G)	Seminar in French Poetry	3			3	
FOR 395.12 (R)	Senior Seminar	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 9</b>						
FOR 335.12 (G)	Comparative French/English Grammar and Style	3			3	
FOR 450.12 (G)	Seminar on French Prose	3			3	
FOR 475.11 (G)	For. Lang. Teach. Methodologies at the College Level	3			3	
<b>Semester 10</b>						
FOR 326.12 (G)	Sel. Topics in French Medieval and Ren. Lit. and Cult.	3			3	
FOR 327.12 (G)	Sel. Topics in 17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Fr. Lit. and Cult.	3	9		3	

FOR 405.12 (G)	Seminar on Contemporary French Civilization	3			3	
Major hours 35		148	148	118	27**	3

\*This course may be repeated with different course content and may be used to fulfill the total undergraduate hour requirement of 120 semester hours or the 30 graduate semester hours.

\*\*30 hours when one adds the joint credit.

\*\*\*8 hours of credit for acquired proficiency are given to students, if they successfully complete their first course at 115 (second-year language study) or higher.

**Integrated B.A./M.A. in Foreign Languages**  
**German Sequence**

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	Courses	Hours	Sem.	B.A.	M.A.	Joint
<b>Semester 1</b>						
FOR 115.13 (R)	Second-year German (Part I)	4		4		
ENG 101 (GE)	Language and Composition	3		3		
MAT 111 (GE)	Data and Chance	3		3		
CHE 102 (GE)	Chemistry and Society	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	16	3		
	Credit for Acquired Proficiency***	8	8	8		
<b>Semester 2</b>						
FOR 116.13 (R)	Second-year German (Part II)	4		4		
COM 110 (GE)	Language And Communication	3		3		
PHY 102 (GE)	Atoms to Galaxies	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	16	3		
<b>Semester 3</b>						
FOR 211.13 (R)	Introduction to German Literature	3		3		
FOR 213.13 (R)	Intermediate German Composition	3		3		
FOR 217.13 (R)	German Culture and Civilization	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 4</b>						
FOR 218/13 (R)	Contemporary Issues of the German-Speaking Countries	3		3		
IDS 121 (GE)	Texts and Contexts	3		3		
SOC 112 (GE)	American Family: Change and Diversity	3		3		
POL 101 (GE)	Citizens and Governance	3		3		
IDS 203 (GE)	Nations and Narrations	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 5</b>						
FOR 311.13 (E)	The German Novelle	3		3		
FOR 318.13 (E)	Goethe's Faust	3		3		
ECO 103 (GE)	Individual and Social Choice	3		3		
ANT 101 (GE)	Human Origins	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 6</b>						
FOR 310.13 (E)	Advanced Study of the German Language	3		3		
FOR 332.13 (E)	German Lyric Poetry	3		3		
GEO 207 (GE)	Human Disasters	3		3		
ART 176 (GE)	Arts and Society: Visual Arts	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 7</b>						
FOR 309.13 (G)	Goethe	3			3	
FOR 434.13 (G)	Studies in the German Novel	3			3	
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 8</b>						
FOR 385.13 (E/G)*	Selected Topics in German Literature or Culture	3				3*
FOR 454.13 (G)	Studies in German Culture and Civilization	3			3	
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 9</b>						
FOR 475.11 (G)	For. Lang. Teach. Methodologies at the College Level	3			3	
FOR 424.13 (G)	Studies in the German Language	3			3	
FOR 385.13 (G)	Selected Topics in German Literature and Culture	3	9		3	
<b>Semester 10</b>						
FOR 454.13 (G)	Studies in German Culture and Civilization	3			3	
FOR 444.13 (G)	Studies in the German Drama	3			3	
FOR 385.13 (G)	Selected Topics in German Literature and Culture	3	9		3	
Major hours 35		148	148	118	27**	3

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30 graduate semester hours.

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**Integrated B.A./M.A. in Foreign Languages**  
**Spanish Sequence**

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	Courses	Hours	Sem.	B.A.	M.A.	Joint
<b>Semester 1</b>						
FOR 116.15 (R)	Second-year Spanish (Part II)	4		4		
FOR 213.15 (R)	Spanish Grammar	3		3		
ENG 101 (GE)	Language and Composition	3		3		
MAT 111 (GE)	Data and Chance	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	16	3		
	Credit for Acquired Proficiency***	8	8	8		
<b>Semester 2</b>						
FOR 223.15 (R)	Advanced Spanish Composition	3		4		
COM 110 (GE)	Language And Communication	3		3		
PHY 102 (GE)	Atoms to Galaxies	3		3		
CHE 102 (GE)	Chemistry and Society	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 3</b>						
FOR 215.15 (R)	Introduction to Spanish Linguistics	3		3		
FOR 233.15 (R)	Introduction to Hispanic Literature	3		3		
IDS 121 (GE)	Texts and Contexts	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 4</b>						
FOR 323.15 (E)	Survey of Spanish Literature I	3		3		
FOR 325.15 (E)	Survey of Spanish-American Literature	3		3		
SOC 112 (GE)	American Family: Change and Diversity	3		3		
POL 101 (GE)	Citizens and Governance	3		3		
IDS 203 (GE)	Nations and Narrations	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 5</b>						
FOR 305.15 (R)	Current Topics in Hispanic Civilization and Culture	3		3		
FOR 336.15 (E)	Selected Topics in Spanish-American Literature	3		3		
ECO 103 (GE)	Individual and Social Choice	3		3		
ANT 101 (GE)	Human Origins	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 6</b>						
FOR 360.15 (E)	Studies in Spanish Linguistics	3		3		
GEO 207 (GE)	Human Disasters	3		3		
ART 176 (GE)	Arts and Society: Visual Arts	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 7</b>						
FOR 337.15 (E/G)*	Selected Topics in Peninsular Spanish Literature	3				3*
FOR 411.15 (G)	Spanish-American Novel	3			3	
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 8</b>						
FOR 405.15 (G)	Seminar on Spanish and/or Spanish-American Culture	3			3	
FOR 385.15 (G)	Selected Topics in Spanish Literature	3			3	
FOR 395.15 (R)	Senior Seminar	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3		3		
	Non-Major Elective	3	15	3		
<b>Semester 9</b>						
FOR 475.11 (G)	For. Lang. Teach. Methodologies at the College Level	3			3	
FOR 421.15 (G)	History of the Spanish Language	3			3	
FOR 370.15 (G)	Topics in Spanish Pedagogy	3	9		3	
<b>Semester 10</b>						
FOR 336.15 (G)	Selected Topics in Spanish-American Literature	3			3	
FOR 385.15 (G)	Selected Topics in Spanish Literature	3			3	
FOR 425.15 (G)	Topics in Hispanic Linguistics	3	9		3	
<b>34 Major Hours</b>		<b>147</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>27**</b>	<b>3</b>

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