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RE: Executive Summary – Integrated Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in Foreign Languages

The proposal for an Integrated Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in Foreign Languages is the second integrated undergraduate/graduate program to be proposed at Illinois State University. The first program, the BS/MPA in Accounting, has operated successfully for several years. The experience with the BS/MPA program informed the development of this new program in Foreign Languages.

The Integrated Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Foreign Languages, with sequences in French, German, and Spanish, enables a student to complete the B.A. and M.A. degrees in five years. A total of 147 hours are required. Candidates will complete all regular B.A. requirements outside of the major and will generally (a) take nine hours of graduate credit during their senior year, (b) eighteen hours of graduate credit during their graduate (fifth) year, and (c) one course (three hours) for joint credit. Two semesters of graduate study must take place at Illinois State University. B.A. / M.A. students are eligible for up to three semesters of graduate assistantship upon completion of 120 undergraduate hours. Admission to the program is by invitation extended only to very well-qualified students. Upon completion of the program, both a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Arts Degree will be awarded. Students who decide not to complete the M.A. portion of the program can make an easy transition to graduation with the B.A. degree.