

BA in Modern Language

Degree Requirements

All courses for the major must be passed with a grade of C- or better. No course required for the major may be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (s/u) basis with the exception of those taken abroad as part of a university program that has received departmental approval.

Bachelor of Arts

All students seeking a B.A. in a Modern Language must successfully complete FL 2100 Languages and World View, and must meet the departmental requirement of a minimum of 33 hours in French or 33 hours in German or 37 hours in Japanese or 35 hours in Spanish (excluding Language 1001 and 1002). The maximum number of hours that may be taken in the major is 45 (including Language 1001 and 1002). In addition, students seeking the B.A. in a Modern Language who desire a teaching certificate must also take FGN LANG 4589 (same as SEC ED 4589), Curriculum and Methods of Teaching Foreign Languages, FGN LANG 4590 (same as SEC ED 4590), ~~Foreign Language Teaching Seminar~~, and fulfill the professional secondary education requirements of the College of Education.

~~**Bachelor of Science in Education**~~

~~Those students seeking the B.S.Ed. degree, with a concentration in a modern language, are required to complete 30 hours of work (excluding credit for Language 1001 and 1002) of which 9 hours must be on the 4000 level. Students working toward a degree in elementary education, with related work in a modern language, should consult the College of Education concerning their program.~~

~~**Post-Baccalaureate Certification Students**~~

~~Students who have a bachelor's degree and are seeking teacher certification in a language must have completed 30 hours in that language and will be required to take the Simulated Oral Proficiency Interview exam to determine proficiency. Students who do not demonstrate sufficient proficiency will be required to take additional coursework in the language.~~

B.S. Ed. in Secondary Education with Emphasis in a Foreign Language

The B.S. Ed. is a professional education degree designed for students who wish to pursue a teaching career in secondary schools. Much of the discipline-specific coursework parallels the B.A. degree in the language; however, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) requires specific coursework for teacher certification. Therefore, students interested in the B.S. Ed. should contact the advising office (OASIS) 314-516-5937 in the College of Education for discipline-specific requirements. *Note: To obtain teaching certification, DESE requires a 3.0 GPA in the discipline and professional education coursework, as well as a 2.75 GPA overall.*

B.A. in a Foreign Language with Master's Level Coursework for Secondary Teacher Certification

In addition to the B.S. Ed., students may opt to complete a B.A. or B.S. degree in their discipline as an undergraduate, followed by admission to the Graduate School for Master's level teaching certification. The College of Education has a one-year accelerated program for post-graduate certification called Teach in 12, or students can choose a traditional path to certification. Graduate coursework for certification can apply towards a Master's Degree in Secondary Education, with additional coursework. Students interested in Master's Level teacher certification should contact the advising office (OASIS) 314-516-5937 in the College of Education. *Note: To obtain teaching certification, DESE requires a 3.0 GPA in the discipline and professional education coursework, as well as a 2.75 GPA overall.*

Transfer Students

Transfer students majoring in one of the modern languages must complete at UMSL a minimum of 12 graded hours in language courses at the 3000 level or above with a grade point average of 2.0 or better in those courses.

Native Speakers

Native speakers must complete at least two courses at the 3000 level and four courses at the 4000 level to obtain a major in their native language.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

COE certification language change happened in other degree programs but not in lang