

**Delete Undergraduate Program (Majors, Minors, Sequences) Proposal  
Illinois State University - University Curriculum Committee**

**Program Department** Languages, Literatures and Cultures

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**Title of Program** BA MA in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures & French, Germ

**Catalog Year to be deleted** 2012-2014

**CIPS Classification**

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1. Provide *Undergraduate Catalog* copy to be removed regarding this program.

**INTEGRATED BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) AND**

**MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) IN LANGUAGES,**

**LITERATURES, AND CULTURES**

**The Integrated Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Master of**

**Arts (M.A.) in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures 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. Students with a 3.50 G.P.A. or higher may apply**

**after they have completed at least two 200-level courses.**

**Applications must be made to Admissions. Two letters of**

**recommendation and a writing sample should be sent to the**

**Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.**

**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. program 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. One hundred forty-seven (147) 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.**

**he Integrated Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Master of**

**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, and four 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, and six 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, 215, 223, 233, 305; two courses among 323, 324, or 325;**

**and three courses among 310, 311, 336, 337, 360, 385. Only students beginning study at Spanish 116 or higher are eligible**

**for this sequence.**

**All sequences: The 27 graduate hours for all sequences**

**must be completed with an average GPA of 3.00 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**

**Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.**

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2. **Provide a list of other programs referencing this program.** BA MA in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures & French, Germ 03/21/2011

This program is also referenced in the Graduate Catalog. A proposal is forthcoming.

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3. **Provide a rationale for deleting program.**

When the Integrated B.A./M.A. in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures was first proposed seven or eight years ago, our goal was to provide our very best students with the possibility of completing the B.A. and M.A. programs in five rather than six years and to increase graduate enrollment, particularly in French and German.

The B.A. program involves taking more advanced courses on the undergraduate level than regular majors do, three graduate courses in the last semester of the senior year, and six more graduate courses during the one year of graduate study. One undergraduate 300-level course is also counted for joint credit for a total of 30 graduate credits to complete the B.A./M.A. in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, as opposed to 33 graduate credits to complete the M.A. in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.

Over the last three years the B.A./M.A. program has been advertised each semester in undergraduate classes. Unfortunately, we have received only one application in Spanish and two in French. The Spanish section did not feel that the Spanish applicant would achieve the level expected of a Master's degree recipient after completing the B.A./M.A.. The two French candidates were accepted. One dropped out after a couple of semesters. The other, a truly superior student, will complete her B.A./M.A. courses in December and her degree, probably, in spring 2011. However, the student tells me that she probably would have applied for the M.A. program had the B.A./M.A. not been available.

At a department meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2010, the B.A./M.A. committee presented the department with the option of continuing the B.A./M.A. program while trying to improve advertising, or of bringing the program to an end. The B.A./M.A. committee reported that it did not believe that the problem was caused by insufficient advertising.

Rather, it believed that there was a structural problem. The department does not seem to have a sufficient number of interested and superior majors to provide the number of students necessary to constitute a successful program. The committee recommended that the B.A./M.A. program be dissolved. The department voted to dissolve the program.

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**4. Describe the expected effect of the proposed program deletion on existing campus programs.**

We currently have one student who will complete her degree. The deletion will not have any noticeable effect on other programs in the department or college.

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**5. What arrangements will be made for program faculty and students?**

As mentioned above, the single student who has entered the program will be allowed to finish her degree.

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**6. What is the anticipated budget effect?**

None.

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**7. No Did this program previously count towards teacher education?**

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**8. No Was this an Interdisciplinary Studies program?**

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9. **Routing and action summary for Program Deletion:** <sup>BA MA in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures & French, Germ 03/21/2011</sup>

**1. Languages, Literatures and Cultures Department Curriculum Committee Chair**

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**2. Languages, Literatures and Cultures Department Chair/School Director**

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**3. College of Arts & Science College Curriculum Committee Chair**

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**4. College of Arts & Science College Dean**

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**5. University Curriculum Committee Chair**

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