ACADEMIC ALERT #2003-3

DATE: **January, 2003**
DECISION: **National College of Education:**

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) Secondary Education
With a Concentration in Foreign Language

Rationale
The foreign language concentration in the MAT Secondary Education program is designed to meet the unique needs of both classical language teachers and modern language teachers by allowing them to choose the foreign language methods course that is appropriate for their target language of instruction. Latin, or Greek teacher candidates will enroll in Classical Language Methodology; Spanish, French, German, Italian, and Russian teachers will enroll in Communicative Language Teaching in the Foreign Language Classroom.

In May 1998, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) approved National-Louis University's proposal to offer an MAT Program in Secondary Education in the areas of Biological Science, Mathematics, Language Arts/English, Social Studies, and Physical Science. ISBE approved the addition of foreign language in 2001.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: November 14, 2002
Faculty Senate Approval: January 15, 2003

Current Program Authorizations
The university currently has authorization to offer the M.A.T. in Secondary Education (with any concentration) in the following Illinois regions: Chicago Region, North Suburban Region, Fox Valley Region, Central Region, Prairie Region, South Metro Region, and Western Region. Approval in the West Suburban region is being sought and is anticipated late spring or early summer of 2003.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January, 2003

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Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Admission Criteria

1. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution. Most applicants will have a major in their foreign language. However, the Director of the Program, in conjunction with the Dean, will consider applicants with appropriate life experience and academic background upon application if they do not have a major in a foreign language. Any course deficiencies will be communicated to the applicant and must be made up prior to entry into the Program.
2. Written statement of academic and professional goals.
3. Miller's Analogies Test (MAT) or the General Aptitude section of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
4. Illinois Basic Skills Test
5. Three letters of recommendation
6. Broad based general education courses and experiences*
7. Broad based courses and experiences in a discipline**
8. Grade point average of 2.5 or better in area or certification.

* A transcript analysis is required to determine if these criteria are met.

** Coursework: guidelines set forth by the Illinois State Board of Education are used to determine the coursework needed for certification in a foreign language. Students need to complete content area deficiencies prior to admission to the MAT Program.

Additional Foreign Language Requirements

1. A passing grade on the Illinois Foreign Language Certification Test.
2. Modern foreign language teachers (Spanish, French, German, Italian, Russian) must score "intermediate high" or better in their target language on the ACTFL. The Oral Proficiency Interview will be given by National-Louis University faculty in conjunction with teacher candidates as part of the application process.

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34 semester hours

Degree Core Requirements

Course Code	Course Title	Semester Hours
ESR 506	Graduate Research: Interpretive/Critical	2
ESR 507	Graduate Research: Empirical/Qualitative	2
EPS 510	Theories of Teaching and Learning	2

Program Requirements toward Certification

Course Code	Course Title	Semester Hours
EPS 500D	Human Development with a Focus on Adolescence	2
FND 504	History and Philosophy of Education	2
SPE 500	Introduction to Exceptional Children & Adolescents	3
SEC 502	Methods and Materials for Teaching at Secondary Level	3

SEC 522* OR SEC 524*	Communicative Language Teaching in the Foreign Language Classroom OR Classical Language Methodology	3 3
SEC 590 F*	Student Teaching in the Secondary School Foreign Languages	6
	Approved Electives to Total 6SH (From one program area only)	
RLR 502	Teaching Reading Comprehension	3
RLR 503 OR CIL 500	Teaching Content and Advanced Reading OR Foundations in Language Minority Education	3 3
CIL 505 OR MLE 500	Methods & Material for Teaching English as a Second Language OR The Middle School: An Overview	3 3
MLE 502	Middle School Curriculum	3

*** Denotes New Courses**