

**Foreign Language Education Checklist**

The University of Pittsburgh, School of Education, offers two post-baccalaureate programs for Foreign Language teacher certification (grades K-12). The two programs are a Professional Year (PY) Program and a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program. Certification Studies are available in French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, or Latin. Native speakers of the language of certification are not exempt from prerequisite course work in the culture, civilization literature, and structure of their language. Applicants who are non-native speakers of the language of certification are also required to submit results of an oral proficiency interview by an individual certified by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. Details are outlined below.

**To be considered for admission, applicants need to have:**

- submitted a completed School of Education application form and the application fee
- earned an undergraduate degree with a minimum QPA of 3.0 (applications from students who plan to earn their undergraduate degree before the term of admission will be considered)
- submitted official transcripts from all institutions attended
- submitted a copy of the spring registration form if enrolled in spring term courses
- completed the appropriate number of prerequisite credit hours in Academic Prerequisites
- completed the appropriate number of prerequisite credit hours in Chapter 354.23 Prerequisites
- completed the appropriate number of prerequisite credit hours in Education Prerequisites
- submitted evidence of a rating of *Advanced-Low* or above in an ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) in the language of certification (for an interview, call ACTFL headquarters at (1-800-486-8444))
- submitted evidence of passing scores on the PRAXIS I test series (reading, writing, and mathematics)
- submitted three letters of academic and/or professional recommendation
- submitted a thoughtful, clearly written goal statement of two to three double-spaced typewritten pages
- submitted a resumé

**MEETING OR EXCEEDING THE APPLICATION CRITERIA DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION**

The application deadline for both programs is January 15 of the admission year. If you have any questions, please contact the Admission and Enrollment Services Office at 412-648-2230.

**Professional Year (PY) Program**

- satisfies the requirements for a Pennsylvania Instructional I Certificate in Foreign Language Education (pending passing scores on the national PRAXIS I & II Exams, successful completion of the PA Statewide Evaluation Form for Student Professional Knowledge and Practice (PDE 430), and satisfactory performance in courses and student teaching)
- is completed in two terms (fall and spring) of 15 credit hours each
- requires one day a week at a local school district in the fall term and a full-time student teaching experience at the same site in the spring term
- contains 18 credits which can be applied within three years towards a Master of Education degree
- students may apply for financial aid

**Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program**

- requires Interns to take and pass the Content Knowledge test in French, German, or Spanish or the Foreign Language Pedagogy test in any other language area during the first summer of their program in order to obtain their Intern Certificate
- satisfies the requirements for a Pennsylvania Instructional I Certificate in Foreign Language Education (pending passing scores on the national PRAXIS I & II Exams, successful completion of the PA Statewide Evaluation Form for Student Professional Knowledge and Practice (PDE 430), and satisfactory performance in courses and in the internship)
- is completed in 12 months (or two terms and two summer sessions) beginning in June of the admission year
- consists of graduate course work combined with a maximum 4.5 day per week internship in a local school district from September through June
- students may apply for financial aid

Compliance with all Federal and PA state clearances is required before entering schools. Information on how to obtain these clearances is available at [www.education.pitt.edu/clearances](http://www.education.pitt.edu/clearances).

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### Academic Prerequisites (30 credits)

**Minimum of 30 credits above the intermediate level in French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, or Latin. These credits should be distributed over Areas 1 and 2 as described below.**

Area 1: Languages and Linguistics (12-18 credits)				
CourseNo.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			Conversation and Advanced Conversation (Native speakers are not expected to take conversation courses and should substitute other language and linguistic courses)	
			Composition Writing	
			Stylistics	
			Phonetics	
			Grammar	
			Syntax	
			Structure of the Language	
			Dialects	
			Morphology	
			Listening Comprehension	
			Advanced Reading (not literature courses)	
			Professional Translation (only one course accepted)	
			History of the Language	
			Introduction to Linguistics (may be taught in English)	
Area 2: Literature and Culture (12-18 credits)				
CourseNo.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			Civilization I and II	
			Major Cultural Periods	
			Cultural Heritage Courses	
			Literature Surveys	
			Author Courses	
			Genre Courses	
			Literary Period Courses	
			Cultural Period Courses	
			Thematically-based literature courses (e.g. Francophone, Africana Literature, Women Authors from the Middle Ages to the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century, Scientific Discourse in Italian Literature)	

### Latin (30 credits above intermediate Latin)

Area 1				
CourseNo.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			Roman Civilization	
			Latin Prose Composition	
Area 2: Electives (at least eight 3-credit hour courses above intermediate Latin)				
CourseNo.	Course Title	GR		Credits

## Chapter 354.23 Prerequisites

Section 354.23 of the Pennsylvania Department of Education teacher certification requirements states that all prospective candidates must take at least 6 semester hour credits in college level English and 6 semester hour credits in college level Mathematics with a grade of C or better.

Course No.	Course Title	GR		Credits
			College Level English Composition (or the equivalent*)	3
			College Level American or British Literature (or the equivalent*)	3
			College Level Mathematics (or the equivalent*)	3
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\*SAT II writing subject test score of 600 or above satisfies the three credit English composition requirement.

\*A Math SAT II score of 560 or above, or a college or university Algebra Placement Test, or the successful completion of an Advanced Placement Mathematics class that appears on your institution's transcript, satisfies three credits of the Math requirement.

### Education Prerequisites

For Professional Year (PY) students, the four education prerequisites must be taken prior to the fall term of the PY program. Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) students must complete the two education prerequisites prior to the Summer II term of the MAT program. MAT students may take Introduction to Foreign Language Education prior to beginning the program.

The following approved clearances are required before taking Introduction to Foreign Language Education: Federal Criminal History, Act 34-PA State Police Criminal Record Check, and Act 33/151 PA Child Abuse History. Forms may be obtained in 5300 Wesley Posvar Hall, or from our clearances information page.

Course No.	MAT	GR	PY
	Social Foundations of Education <b>OR</b> Equivalent		Social Foundations of Education <b>OR</b> Equivalent
	Educational Psychology <b>OR</b> Equivalent		Educational Psychology <b>OR</b> Equivalent
			Introduction to Foreign Language Education (IL 1251)
			Foundations of Special Education (IL 1580/2500)

## **Professional Year (PY) Instructional I Certificate Option**

### **Fall Term**

I&L 2255	Techniques/Procedures – Foreign Language Teaching	3 credits
I&L 2253	Principles & Practices of Foreign Language Testing & Assessment	3 credits
I&L 2523	Literacy Assessment	3 credits
I&L 2722	Practicum in Foreign Language Education	3 credits
I&L 2727	Teaching Lab	3 credits

### **Spring Term**

I&L 2502	Students with Disabilities in Secondary Classrooms	3 credits
I&L 2822	Student Teaching – Foreign Language	5 credits
I&L 2826	Student Teaching Seminar – Foreign Language	1 credits
I&L 2257	English Language Learners	3 credits
I&L 2256	Issues in Foreign Language Education	3 credits

## **Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Option**

### **Summer Session II**

I&L 2252	Introduction to Foreign Language Education (if not taken)	3 credits
I&L 1580	Foundations of Special Education	3 credits
I&L 2727	Teaching Lab – Foreign Language	3 credits

### **Fall Term**

I&L 2255	Techniques and Procedures of FL Teaching	3 credits
I&L 2523	Literacy Assessment	3 credits
I&L 2257	English Language Learners	3 credits
I&L 2253	L2 Testing and Assessment	3 credits
I&L	Practicum	3 credits

### **Spring Term**

I&L 2882	Internship – Foreign Language	6 credits
I&L 2502	Students with Disabilities in Secondary Classrooms	3 credits
I&L 2256	Issues in Foreign Language Education	3 credits
EDUC 2200	Disciplined Inquiry	3 credits

### **Summer Session I**

I&L 2990	Research Seminar for MAT Interns	3 credits
I&L 2882	Internship – Foreign Language	6 credits

**For further information concerning program offerings,  
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