



# MODERN LANGUAGES GRADES K-12

## The Teacher Education Program for Modern Languages

Moravian University provides world language certification in French, German, and Spanish. Additional information about individual certification programs can be found here: <https://www.moravian.edu/education/undergraduate-certifications/foreign-language>

### Important Program Guidelines

Students must have an overall GPA of 2.7 in order to take education courses at the 200 level or above. All education courses must be completed prior to beginning student teaching. No other courses should be taken during the student teaching semester which is completed in the senior year. Students must have prior written approval by the program coordinator if they plan to complete any of these courses at another institution.

### Professional Education Courses Required for Certification

#### Recommended for the freshman year

EDUC 160 Culture, Community & Diversity: Intro. to Critical Pedagogy (spring, 40 hour Stage 1&2 Field Experience/ fulfills M3)

#### Recommended for the sophomore year

EDUC 130 Student Development & Instructional Design (40 hr. Stage 1&2 Field Exp.)  
 EDUC 100.2 Intro. to the Education of English Language Learners (Spring)  
 EDUC 244 Including Students with Disabilities (Spring)  
 EDUC 140.2 Computer Technology in the Classroom

#### Recommended for the junior year

EDUC 260 Reflective Teaching (fall only; 40 hour Stage 3 Field Experience)

#### Recommended for the senior year

EDUC 361 Curriculum and Instruction in Foreign Language (fall only; 110 hour Stage 3 Field Experience)  
 EDUC 260 Stage 3 Field Experience)  
 EDUC 375-7 Student Teaching  
 EDUC 378 Seminar in Secondary Student Teaching

### CONTENT AREA EXAMS

In addition to the Fundamental Subjects Exam, required for certification in all modern language programs, candidates must successfully pass either the languages-specific PRAXIS exam, administered by ETS, or the language-specific exams administered by ACTFL/ LTI when available. The PRAXIS exam for each language is listed below:

LANGUAGE	PRAXIS EXAM
French	5174
German	5183
Spanish	5195

Testing  
Requirements for World  
Languages (K-12)

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Basic Skills  
Assessments  
(Administered by Pearson  
or ETS):

\*PAPA Modules:  
Reading/Math/Writing

\*or CORE  
Modules:  
Reading/Math/Writing

\*or testing  
EXEMPTION  
based on SAT/ACT  
scores

\*REQUIRED PRIOR TO  
Acceptance into the Teacher  
Certification Program and  
Participation in  
STAGE3 PST Field Experiences.

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Two Required Content Area  
Tests (Administered by ETS)

\*\*Fundamental  
Subjects:  
Content Knowledge  
Test Code: 5511  
and

\*\*Language-Specific  
Test

\*\*ARE REQUIRED PRIOR TO  
CERTIFICATION IN  
PENNSYLVANIA.

## STUDY ABROAD

All students majoring in Spanish will be required to study abroad for a minimum of one semester (taking three courses minimum) in a country where Spanish is the principal language. Courses taken during study abroad must be approved by the department prior to the student's registration for the program. Students may also take an Internship while abroad.

## ACTFL

All non-native speakers of Spanish, who are candidates for secondary teacher certification are required to pass the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with a minimum grade of Intermediate High in order to be recommended by the Modern Language & Literatures Department for student teaching.

## Dual Certification in Modern Languages

When a student completes a full major in one language, certification may be obtained in a second under the following conditions:

- Completion of seven courses above the elementary level in the second language (see current Course Catalog). The student must achieve the required 3.00 average in each language to be recommended for certification. Student teaching experience is required in all languages in which certification is anticipated.
- Students interested in dual certification in modern languages are advised to consult with their advisors early in their academic program.

## The LinC Requirements

The Pennsylvania Department of Education mandates that all teacher certification candidates complete the courses bulleted below. These courses also satisfy Moravian University LinC requirements and the liberal education guidelines for most Moravian students. Exceptions are listed in the catalog under the topics "Individually Designed Majors" and "Add Venture Programs."

- First Year Seminar (F1)
- One course in American or English Literature (ENG 101, 102, 103, 104, 105 or acceptable Special Topics) (M2)
- One and one-half course units in Math (F2) (the LinC requirement is for one course unit; PDE and the Moravian Education Department mandate an additional 0.5 course unit)

## The Field Experience Program

The purpose of the field experience is to provide students with appropriate class-room experiences at each level of their coursework. These experiences are meant to assist the student in determining whether teaching is an appropriate career choice.

Several courses in the professional education sequence require day-time field experiences. EDUC 130, Adolescent & School: Developmental Issues, and EDUC 160, Culture, Community, and Diversity: Introduction to Critical Pedagogy, require students to complete a 40 hour Stage 1&2 field experience in a public or private school. EDUC 260, Reflective Teaching, requires a 40 hour Stage 3 Experience and EDUC 361, Curriculum and Instruction in Foreign Language, requires a more substantial 110 hour Stage 3 pre-student teaching field experience. The Education Department's Director of Field Experiences is responsible for securing all field placements. Candidates who are not able to complete these experiences will be required to complete EDUC 158.2 Stage 1&2 Field Experience or EDUC 358 Stage 3 Pre-Student Teaching Field Experience prior to student teaching.

Stage 4 Student Teaching is the culminating experience of the teacher preparation program. It takes place under the supervision of qualified program faculty and cooperating teachers. Student teachers will have two placements during the semester. All U.S. placements are in Pennsylvania schools near the University. In addition to the daily classroom experience, students are required to attend a weekly seminar with their University supervisors.

## Clearance Requirements

There are three clearance checks required of ALL STUDENTS by the Pennsylvania Department of Education at every level of Field Experience. These are: FBI Federal Criminal History Record, Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, and Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance. Students will be placed in field experiences only if all background checks are clear of record. Clearances must be updated annually and valid for the entire field placement. Unless clearances have been updated, students will be unable to register for Education courses with field experiences. In addition, all students must have a TB test within three months of the start of any field placement.

## The Basic Skills Assessment Requirement

Students in all Pennsylvania Instructional I teacher certification programs must successfully complete basic skills assessments in reading, mathematics and writing. Currently there are two testing options. You may take either the Pearson PECT Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) or the ETS Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) exams. Please consult test provider websites for additional information regarding test content, testing locations and registration procedures. See: <http://www.pa.nesinc.com>, select 'tests', then 'PAPA' and/or <https://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/>.

Students may qualify for exemption from the basic skills assessment exams based on their SAT or ACT scores. Please contact the Education Department regarding exemptions and other test related questions you may have.

Candidates are encouraged to take the Basic Skills Test (PAPA or CORE) prior to or during the sophomore year. If not exempt, all teacher certification candidates will be required to pass these tests prior to admission into the teacher certification program and be enrolled in any 300 level and above courses in Education and any Stage 3 Field Experiences.

Two content knowledge Praxis tests administered by ETS are also required. Content knowledge tests should be taken after most appropriate course work has been completed, but prior to student teaching. The Praxis Series Registration Bulletin found online at: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/bulletin/> will have the most up-to-date information. Test scores should be reported to Moravian University (RA2418) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Students who test in another state must list PDE as a score recipient to avoid processing delays of their teaching certificate. Test results for in state tests are automatically reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

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