

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION

Boston University School of Education Graduate Programs



DEGREE OFFERED:

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING (MAT)

MASTER OF EDUCATION (ED.M.)

The Modern Foreign Language program at Boston University emphasizes effective communication and leadership skills while preparing teachers of modern languages. Our program offers you the advantage of learning in an environment that offers close coordination of class work in education, field experiences, and modern foreign language methodology. You are also given the opportunity to student teach, allowing you to put your knowledge into practice and refine your skills. Boston University's foreign language courses emphasize communication, as well as grammar, culture, and literature.

Master of Arts in Teaching

Our Master of Arts in Teaching program (MAT) is designed for students with undergraduate degrees in Spanish or French, but no education courses. In addition to coursework in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures, you complete a language acquisition course and modern foreign language methodology course. Upon completion of the program and Massachusetts testing requirements, you may be licensed at the initial level to teach French or Spanish to children in grades Pre-K-6 or 5-12.

Master of Education (Ed.M.)

Our Master of Education program (Ed.M.) in modern foreign language education is designed for candidates who are already licensed to teach a modern foreign language

or do not wish to be licensed, and who want to increase their knowledge of language and culture and improve their language teaching abilities. Our students take courses in linguistic theory, language acquisition, literacy development, culture, and methodology. Electives may include modern foreign language courses.

Required Courses for MAT Program

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| SED ED 500 | Foundations of Educational Practices plus ED 501 Laboratory |
| SED DS 502 | Introduction to Adolescent Development |
| SED BI 504 | Seminar: The Student Teaching Experience |
| SED SE 510 | Special Education: Curriculum and Instruction |
| SED TL 511 | Methods of Teaching Modern Foreign Languages |
| SED CT 575 | General Methods of Instruction, Grades 5-12 |
| SED RS 600 | Perspectives on Inquiry |
- Three courses in Spanish or French in the College of Arts and Sciences.
 - One course in language acquisition

Students select from the following courses appropriate to the degree program and their level of concentration:

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SED TL Student Teaching Practicum I and II:
584-585 Modern Foreign Languages, Pre-K-6
SED TL Student Teaching Practicum I: Modern
586-587 Foreign Languages, 5-12

Practicum

Boston University enjoys long-standing relationships with many inner city and suburban school systems in Greater Boston that offer our students rewarding field experiences under the guidance of expert teachers and faculty. The School of Education reserves the right to determine whether a student is fully prepared to enter any professional field experience. This would include passing the SED Literacy Test prior to starting the practicum.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the qualifications for admission?

A: Graduate applicants are considered on the basis of their total application. Your statement of qualifications and objectives should be carefully prepared and should make clear why you wish to study in and pursue a career in the field of modern foreign language. Your recommendations and graduate test scores round out the application package. For your graduate test scores, you must complete either the general test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT), if you have not taken either test within the last five years.

Q: What is the SED Literacy Test?

A: In order to fulfill our obligation to our students and those they teach or will come to teach, faculty and staff at SED constructed a literacy test that would ensure our students graduate with an appropriate level of mastery in literacy. All entering master's degree and undergraduate students seeking licensure must take the test. The SED Literacy Test is but one guarantee that we are upholding our commitment to provide an excellent education. Furthermore, the SED Literacy Test provides students with a thumbnail sketch of their facility with certain areas of reading and writing. All master's students are required to take the School of Education's Literacy Test during the first semester of enrollment in order to register for subsequent semesters. Students seeking initial licensure as a teacher must pass the Literacy Test with an overall score of 70% before entering a practicum.

Q: Do part-time graduate students pay a reduced tuition rate?

A: Yes. Part-time graduate students enrolled for School of Education classes offered after 4:00 pm are able to pay for tuition at a reduced rate per credit (up to 11 credits). For 2006-07, the SED reduced evening rate is \$521/credit. The SED daytime and non-SED rate is \$1,042/credit.

Q: Is financial aid available?

A: Each academic year, the School of Education awards approximately \$3.5 million dollars in scholarship money to its full-time graduate students. Merit-based scholarships of \$22,000 are currently available to many full-time students. Students with financial need may also qualify for federal loans and Federal Work-Study. Students who enroll in summer classes pay part-time tuition and may be eligible for loans. Priority is given to students who apply for aid by February 15. Please contact the School of Education Office of Financial Assistance for further information at sedaid@bu.edu.

Q: How many students are enrolled in the School of Education?

A: The School of Education is a small school within a large university with about 425 undergraduates and 525 graduate students.

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