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## Foreign Language Requirement for Secondary Social Studies Minor Revision

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TO: Dr. Paul Yu, College President  
FROM: The Faculty Senate Meeting on: November 22, 1999

RE:    I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)  
   II. Recommendation (Urging the Fitness of)  
  X III. Other, For your Information (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJ: **Foreign Language Requirement for Secondary  
Social Studies Minor Revision**

Signed: Thomas P. Bonner Date Sent: 2/2/00  
(Thomas Bonner, Faculty Senate President)



TO: The Faculty Senate  
FROM: Dr. Paul Yu, College President

RE:    I. **Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution**  
a. Accepted. Effective Date:   /  /    
b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on   /  /    
c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation  
  
II, III.    (a) Received and acknowledged  
b. Comment:   

DISTRIBUTION: Administrative Group - Please contact Faculty Senate if you are interested in seeing a copy of the provisions. Please share with appropriate staff.  
Distribution Date: 2/25/00 Signed: Paul Yu  
(President of the College)

The Department of History recommends the following change in the foreign language requirement for certification in Secondary Social Studies, 7-12:

From **current requirement**: The equivalent of two years of college-level study in a language other than English is required.

To **proposed requirement**: The equivalent of one year of college-level study in a language other than English is required for certification in New York State.

**Rationale**: This change brings the requirement for Secondary Social Studies into line with the requirements for other secondary certification programs. Of late, evidence indicates that a number of Brockport students have chosen not to seek Brockport's more rigorous certification requirements simply to avoid the second year of a foreign language. This change, thus, should guard against that possibility while making certification requirements consistent across subject areas. The change also makes it possible for students to satisfy their requirement by taking American Sign Language (an increasingly valuable skill in the secondary schools) and some foreign languages for which Brockport can offer only one year of study.

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November 1, 1999

TO: Dr. Larry Kline, Chair  
Undergraduate Policies Committee  
Faculty / Staff Senate

FROM: Dr. Morris I. Beers, Chair *Morris I. Beers*  
Education and Human Development

RE: Foreign Language requirement for Secondary Social Studies

I am hereby requesting that the Foreign Language requirement for undergraduate students seeking Certification as Secondary Social Studies Teachers in New York State be changed from 2 years to 1 year. This recommendation is made after consultation last semester with Dr. Kathy Kutolowski, Acting Chair of the History Department and Dr. Elaine Miller, Chair of Foreign Language.

The New York State Department of Education requires 1 year of Foreign Language for all certification areas. At the present time all of our secondary certification programs, except Social Studies, require 1 year at the undergraduate level. All secondary programs including Social Studies require 1 year at the graduate level.

In order to bring the undergraduate Social Studies Certification program into alignment with our other programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, this requirement should be changed from 2 years to 1 year.

Thank you for your attention.

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March 31, 1999

Dr. Morris I. Beers, Chair  
Department of Education and Human Development  
SUNY College at Brockport  
283 Faculty Office Building  
Campus

Dear Mr.:

At its March 12 meeting, the Department of History unanimously passed the attached recommendation concerning the language requirement for certification in Secondary Social Studies. I pass it on to you for consideration by the Department of Education and Human Development.

It is my understanding that your department will welcome this recommendation. If that is the case, I hope that you can take action as soon as possible. The next step is somewhat unclear to me. I assume that the proposed change would go to the Senate, presumably with the sponsorship of both departments. Would it need to go any farther, e.g. to Albany?

As you know, our secondary certification students are most anxious to know the results. The rumor mill is in full motion! I have told anyone who asks that the process of approval will take some time and that there are no guarantees. A second question concerns eligibility for any changed requirement. Since this change would require less, not more, I assume that it would apply immediately to any student who chooses to meet the more recent standard.

If you need anything more from our department, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Kathy*

Kathleen S. Kutolowski  
Interim Chair

cc: Christine Murray  
William R. Veenis, Jr.

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