PROPOSAL: Master of Arts in Teaching: Secondary Education

Background

The Graduate Studies Council of the Faculty Senate has approved the creation of the Master of Arts in Teaching: Secondary Education. This proposal builds on the accompanying proposal for a graduate certificate in Secondary Education Initial Teacher Certification. Students completing the graduate certificate program can earn the master’s degree proposed here by completing three additional 3-credit hour courses. Thus, this program will range between 39 and 44 credit hours. This model (graduate certificate leading to a master’s degree) is similar to that used for the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellows program. The department’s experience with that program was that 70% – 80% of those completing the fellowship chose to continue to earn the master’s degree. Therefore, past experience suggests demand for the master’s degree proposed here.

Recommended Action

Create the Master of Arts in Teaching: Secondary Education.