

August 10, 2018

Re: MAT in History

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Chair Cordery:

I appreciated the opportunity to learn of the History Department's intent to propose the MAT in History degree. As the Director of Educator Preparation at Iowa State University, I appreciate the effort and intent in this degree proposal to not only meet the state requirements of an educator preparation program and the Iowa State University Educator Preparation Program requirements but to require an advanced level of historical understanding.

There is a definite demand for an MAT History program. By providing this program, Iowa State University will not only be meeting a demand of potential students/teacher candidates but will be serving our school district stakeholders and fulfilling our landgrant mission. In addition, the candidates that complete this program would have a strong knowledge of the historical discipline and content which will benefit their future fifth through twelfth grade students.

The School of Education currently offer the professional core courses and necessary field experiences at the graduate level for our MAT Science Education program and our M.Ed. Mathematics Education program. The MAT in History would not require the creation of new courses by the School of Education or additional resources. The addition of these potential candidates will broaden the lenses shared and conversations in these courses.

The Iowa State University Educator Preparation Program and the School of Education look forward to continuing our partnership with the History Department around teacher education programs. This is an important recognition of teaching as a profession. You certainly have the strong support of the Educator Preparation Program and the School of Education in advancing this program.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this proposal. We look forward to Iowa State University approval and Iowa Board of Regents approval.

Respectfully,



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*Program in Social Studies Teacher Education*

September 11, 2018

Professor Amy Rutenberg  
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Dear Professor Rutenberg,

Thank you for sending us your proposal for a new Master of Arts in Teaching History degree program for our review. My colleague, Dr. Jason Harshman, and I have reviewed and strongly endorse your program, especially as geographic proximity plays a key role in recruiting students for such programs. Our MAT program in Social Studies Education at the University of Iowa draws students from around the country, but the majority of our students are graduates of the university's undergraduate programs. Although our enrollment includes students who completed their undergraduate work at institutions nationally, we rarely receive an application from a graduate of Iowa State University.

We wish you the best of success in your new program, as it is similar in many ways to the MAT in Social Studies Education that we have found successful at Iowa, and your proposed program serves a population most closely situated within reasonable proximity to Iowa State University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory E. Hamot". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Gregory E. Hamot, PhD  
Professor and Program Coordinator

September 6, 2018

Professor Amy Rutenberg  
Department of History  
Iowa State University

Dear Professor Rutenberg:

Thank you for your recent correspondence with Chad Christopher, coordinator of Social Science Teaching and Secondary Education at UNI. We appreciate the collaborative spirit in which you have contacted us. The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is committed to secondary educator preparation and currently has a Social Science Master's for teachers offered through UNI's division of Continuing/Distance Education by means of which we provide graduate training to current teachers across Iowa and, occasionally, a teacher or two beyond the state. However, as Mr. Christopher has explained, we have no program specifically addressing the needs of students who have earned undergraduate degrees and are seeking teacher certification in History or the Social Sciences. Consequently, we have no objections to the MAT in History about which you wrote to us.

We wish you the best as you undertake the projected new program. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Christopher, Dean Brenda Bass of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, or me.

Sincerely,



Robert F. Martin  
Professor and Head

c: Dean Brenda Bass  
Chad Christopher