

Board Meeting
January 15, 2009

ESTABLISH THE MASTER OF ARTS IN EUROPEAN UNION STUDIES, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

Action: Approve the Establishment of the Master of Arts in European Union Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College to establish a Master of Arts in European Union Studies.

The M.A. in European Union Studies will serve students who wish to add area expertise to their doctorate, professional students who wish to combine area studies with a professional degree, and students seeking a master's degree before entering business or government service. The European Union is a work-in-progress, undergoing unprecedented developments of political and economic institutions and international security arrangements. As such, the demand for individuals with specialized training in European Union matters has never been greater and will continue to grow dramatically.

While the European Union Center's interdisciplinary graduate research seminars attract students from every college on campus, most participants come from law,

business, education, and urban and regional planning. The M.A. in European Union Studies provides an opportunity to bring European Union expertise to a broad range of students across campus.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and Federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.