

Board Meeting
January 15, 2015

ELIMINATE THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN FACTORS, GRADUATE
COLLEGE, URBANA

Action: Eliminate the Master of Science in Human Factors, Graduate College

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the Graduate College to eliminate the Master of Science in Human Factors.

In 2011, the Board of Trustees approved the closure of the Institute of Aviation and the elimination of the Bachelor of Science in Human Factors. The Master of Science in Human Factors was not eliminated at that time to allow for a proposed revision of the program and possible move to another academic unit. Since the 2011 decision, the program has not admitted any new students and the remaining students have completed degree requirements. As a new academic home has not been identified, this proposal seeks to formally eliminate the degree program. The former Institute of Aviation faculty who remain affiliated with the University have been reappointed to other academic units where they continue to serve, teach, research, and advise students interested in human factors through appropriate sub-areas of those units.

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.