

Board Meeting  
January 18, 2018

RENAME THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTEGRATED DESIGN AND ARTS, COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND THE ARTS, CHICAGO

**Action:** Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Design and Arts, College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate and the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts recommends the renaming of the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Design and Arts as the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Education in the Arts.

The degree is a no- or low-studio, humanities-focused major developed cooperatively by the four schools of the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts and launched in Fall 2016. It provides multidisciplinary study in design and arts as a means to develop critical and creative thinking skills, and cultural, visual, and digital literacy. The degree combines requirements in six disciplines (i.e., architecture, art, art history, design, music, and theatre) with customizable elective options based on students' individual interests. By engaging students in areas of study across all four schools, the

degree provides broad access to faculty expertise and courses that were previously largely restricted to disciplinary majors.

The college proposes to change the degree name for two reasons. First, Interdisciplinary Education in the Arts better reflects the breadth of the curriculum. Second, the new name will distinguish the degree from, and avoid potential confusion with, the BA in Design that will enroll its first students in Fall 2018. No revisions to degree requirements are proposed.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect 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 Executive Vice President and 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.