

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATES

Establish Concentrations in Civic Leadership, Citizen Politics, International Relations, Law and Power, Public Policy and Democratic Institutions, and World Politics in the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Political Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish six new concentrations within the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences (BALAS) in Political Science. Added to the existing concentration in Civic Leadership, these concentrations reflect the subfields of the discipline, clusters of student interest, and, in some cases, career options. The concentrations bring the structure of the major more in line with the current organization of the discipline, the research, and teaching interests of the faculty, and the students' preferences for more guidance in designing their program of study and to have their transcript reflect their specialized area of interest within the major.

Rename the Undergraduate Minor in Latina/Latino Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to rename the undergraduate minor offered by the Department of Latina/Latino Studies. The minor is currently the "Interdisciplinary Minor in Latina/Latino Studies." The new title is "Minor in Latina/Latino Studies." While the Department of Latina/Latino Studies is interdisciplinary, having "interdisciplinary" as part of the minor's title creates the impression that courses within it will be taken from a

variety of departments, not just from Latina/Latino Studies. As the Department of Latina/Latino Studies has robust course offerings, and the minor does not rely on courses outside the department, having “interdisciplinary” in the title is unnecessary.

Rename the Undergraduate Minor in Religious Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to rename the undergraduate minor in Religious Studies. Currently called the minor in Religious Studies, the minor will be called the minor in Religion, which aligns with the name of the department and of the other undergraduate and graduate curricular offerings in the Department of Religion.

Transfer the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Biology with a Concentration in Ecology, Ethology, and Evolution, from the School of Integrative Biology to the Department of Animal Biology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College to transfer the graduate programs in Biology with a concentration in Ecology, Ethology, and Evolution from the School of Integrative Biology (SIB) to the Department of Animal Biology. The current structure is a holdover from an administrative structure that was reorganized over two decades ago. The Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Biology with a Concentration in Ecology, Ethology, and Evolution are housed in the Department of Animal Biology, including admissions and advising for these programs. Accordingly, the degrees should be mapped to the Department of Animal Biology. The proposed change does not involve

any revisions to the curriculum, as it is solely administrative structure clean-up to reflect appropriate mapping to the unit and the faculty responsible for the program.

Eliminate the Actuarial Science Concentration within the Master of Science in Applied Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College to eliminate the concentration in Actuarial Science within the Master of Science in Applied Mathematics. A companion action item seeks establishment of a stand-alone Master of Science in Actuarial Science to promote visibility of the program. There is no need to maintain both a graduate program at the concentration level and the major level. As such, the Department of Mathematics, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Graduate College seek elimination of the Actuarial Science concentration within the Master of Science in Applied Mathematics one year subsequent to the establishment of the Master of Science in Actuarial Science to allow any students currently pursuing the concentration to complete their program.

Establish the Post-Baccalaureate Campus Certificate in Sleep Health, College of Nursing and the Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Nursing and the Graduate College has approved the establishment of the post-baccalaureate Campus Certificate in Sleep Health.

The online certificate is comprised of three required courses (9 hours in total), and draws on faculty expertise within the College of Nursing and its Center for

Narcolepsy, Sleep and Health Research. The certificate provides students with advanced knowledge on the nature and functions of sleep, sleep disorders, comorbid disorders, and how to screen, identify, treat, and prevent sleep disorders. It is open to nurses, physicians, psychologists or other healthcare professionals, as well as individuals interested in sleep health. The certificate fills an existing educational gap by providing formal and standardized educational opportunities for healthcare providers, many of whom receive sleep-specific education only through on-the-job training. The College of Nursing conservatively estimates 10 to 12 students will enroll in the first year of the program.

Establish Ten Post-Doctor of Nursing Practice Campus Certificates, College of Nursing, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Nursing, has approved the establishment of ten Post-Doctor of Nursing Practice Campus Certificates.

The College of Nursing offers the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) at Chicago, Peoria, Quad Cities, Rockford, Springfield, and Urbana. The DNP prepares expert advanced practice nurses in nine nurse practitioner specializations, nurse midwives, and nurses in two indirect care specialties. The Post-DNP Certificates are designed for the nurse who has already received a DNP and who wishes to expand practice competencies to populations beyond their initial specialty. For example, a family nurse practitioner may wish to complete a certificate to develop more practice

expertise and then be eligible to sit for credentialing as a women's health nurse practitioner.

Typically, students will complete all specialty didactic and practicum courses for the certificates (23 to 40 hours depending on the specialty). At a minimum, students must complete the clinical practicum courses (13 to 23 hours depending on the specialty) to meet national certification requirements. No new courses are needed to offer the certificates, and the certificates will be available at all six College of Nursing sites.

The certificates will use the following naming convention, with the ten available specialties listed below – *Post-Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Certificate: [Specialty]*. (1) Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner; (2) Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner; (3) Family Nurse Practitioner; (4) Neonatal Nurse Practitioner; (5) Nurse-Midwifery; (6) Nurse-Midwifery/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner; (7) Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Acute Care Program; (8) Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care Program; (9) Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner; (10) Women's Health Nurse Practitioner.

Revise the Master of Science in Materials Engineering, College of Engineering and the Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Engineering and the Graduate College, has approved the addition of a coursework-only option as a means of completing the Master of Science in Materials Engineering.

Currently the degree requires all students complete a thesis, with 12 of the degree's required 36 hours devoted to thesis research. The revision will allow students to complete the degree by completing all 36 hours via coursework only. In recent years, coursework-only options have been created within comparable programs at peer institutions, and nine of ten UIC master's degrees in engineering have a coursework-only option. While the completion of a thesis is beneficial for students who intend to pursue the Doctor of Philosophy or other advanced professional programs, a large percentage of the degree's recipients immediately enter the workforce. A coursework-only option will provide industry-bound students with 12 hours of additional coursework and instruction, and create the opportunity to acquire additional skills and greater exposure to advanced topics in the discipline. Students who pursue the new option will propose a unifying theme for their elective courses that will be approved by the department's graduate committee, and will have numerous opportunities to gain significant project and presentation experience.

Establish the Undergraduate Minor in Legal Studies,
College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Public Affairs and Administration has approved the establishment of the undergraduate minor in Legal Studies.

The proposed 15-credit hour minor will provide a basic understanding of the American legal system and the way the law operates in society. The minor, which will be offered in both on-ground and online formats, will be open to students from any

major who wish to gain knowledge of the legal system. Because law schools do not require a specific major for admission, a minor providing preparatory law-related classes is expected to be particularly attractive to students interested in pursuing law school.