

Board Meeting
January 19, 2006

ESTABLISH JAZZ PERFORMANCE MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF
MUSIC DEGREE IN THE COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS, URBANA

Action: Approve the Establishment of a Jazz Performance Major within the Bachelor of Music Degree in the College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

Funding: No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends for approval a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to establish the Jazz Performance Major within the Bachelor of Music Degree.

The establishment of the Jazz Performance Major acknowledges the increased emphasis on world music and the relationship between world music and jazz. Recognizing that jazz is inherently a performance art, this program of study will provide students with clear academic support and a structure for the study of jazz beyond the high-level musical activity in the jazz bands. This major will allow the School of Music to continue its leadership in music in higher education as most peer music institutions throughout the nation have developed the formal study of jazz. Establishing the major creates a more marketable degree for students and is consistent with the department's mission and national trends.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs in this recommendation.

The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

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 President of the University recommends approval, pending further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.