

Board Meeting
January 19, 2006

ESTABLISH BACHELOR OF ARTS IN URBAN AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS,
COLLEGE OF URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, CHICAGO

Action: Approve the Establishment of the Bachelor of Arts in Urban and Public Affairs, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, Chicago

Funding: No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate and the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, recommends approval to establish a new undergraduate degree program, the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Urban and Public Affairs.

The purpose of the proposed program is to train pre-professional students to enter urban professions and graduate professional training with knowledge and understanding of the complexity and diversity of the urban environment and of the policy and management processes that can affect it.

Building upon the UIC Great Cities Commitment, the proposed B.A. in Urban and Public Affairs will bring the city and its region into the heart of the undergraduate learning experience.

The proposed undergraduate program in Urban and Public Affairs will be an upper division program. Students will be admitted after completion of 60 semester hours of general education and preparatory course work. The remaining hours will be

completed in Urban and Public Affairs courses (including two capstone courses). Total hours for the degree are 120 semester hours.

No new State funds will be required. Financial support for the program will come through reallocation of college and campus resources. Program instruction will be delivered by existing and new faculty.

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, pending further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.