

Board Meeting
January 20, 2011

RENAME DEGREES AND MINOR, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND
SCIENCES, CHICAGO

Action: Rename Degrees and Minor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Vice President, University of Illinois and Chancellor of Chicago campus with the advice of the Chicago Senate, the Graduate College, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the renaming of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, major in French, as the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Science, major in French and Francophone Studies; the Master of Arts in French as the Master of Arts in French and Francophone Studies; and the Minor in French as the Minor in French and Francophone Studies.

Given the focus and inclusion of Francophone literatures and other cultural products in many of the Department's courses, as well as to reflect the nomenclature of the new Department of French and Francophone Studies, the name change is apposite and is reflective of changes in the field as well as faculty and student interest.

Since the nineteenth century, there has been a steady - and within the last 30 years an exponential - increase in scholarly attention paid to the literary traditions and evolving cultural practices of French-speaking populations in Canada, Africa, the Caribbean, and southeast Asia. The curriculum reflects this rise: from the basic language

sequence to advanced seminars, courses regularly focus on texts and films from Francophone regions of the world. It is important for the degree and minor titles to reflect the growing prominence of Francophone studies and the continuing interest of French studies.

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.