

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATE

Rename the Undergraduate Minor in Quantitative Methods in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to rename the undergraduate minor in Quantitative Methods in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences as Spatial and Quantitative Methods in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences.

The proposed name change highlights the different types of quantitative methods in use in related fields. Companies and organizations in Illinois, the U.S., and around the world are seeking employees with knowledge and skills in spatial analysis, statistics, and modeling techniques.

Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Natural Resource Conservation, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to establish a Minor in Natural Resource Conservation.

The proposed minor offers an integrated approach to managing natural resources from a sustainability perspective. A minimum of 18 hours is required for the minor, of which six hours must be 400-level. The minor prepares students for professional

positions requiring a broad background in natural resources as well as in-depth emphasis in a specific content area of their choice.

Establish a Joint Degree Program with the Bachelor of Science in Health, Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, Bachelor of Science in Community Health, and the Master of Public Health, Graduate College and College of Applied Health Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Applied Health Sciences to establish a joint degree program with the Bachelor of Science in Health, Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, Bachelor of Science in Community Health, and the Master of Public Health (MPH).

The proposed option is designed to allow undergraduate students the chance to earn a professional degree in public health with one extra year of education. The MPH is the flagship degree in public health and opens many more doors professionally than only a bachelor's degree.

Establish the Customized Concentration in the Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering, College of Engineering, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Engineering to establish the Customized Concentration in the Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering.

This concentration is being established to complement the five standard concentrations in Materials Science and Engineering.

Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Integrative Biology, 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 an undergraduate Minor in Integrative Biology.

The proposed minor will provide specific training in integrative biology that will enhance a student's specific career or educational goals. A Minor in Integrative Biology provides an understanding of fundamental principles for one major sub-discipline of biology.

Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Ecology and Conservation Biology, 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 a Minor in Ecology and Conservation Biology.

The proposed minor will provide specific training in ecology and conservation biology that will enhance a student's specific career or educational goals. Preparation for many careers is advanced by coursework in ecology and conservation.

Establish a Graduate Minor in Gender Relations in International Development, Graduate College and College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to establish a graduate Minor in Gender Relations in International Development.

The graduate minor will complement a student's major by providing a multi-disciplinary, global approach to understanding pressing social issues. While grounding in a major discipline is crucial for students, many aspects of these issues are best understood

through a multi-disciplinary approach that brings in analysis from areas, such as economics, political science, and sociology. The minor provides that opportunity.

Rename the Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability as the Prairie Research Institute,
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research to rename the Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability as the Prairie Research Institute.

The proposed name is parallel to similar institutes such as the Great Lakes Research Institute and the Desert Research Institute. The proposed name gives the diverse, collective research activities an appropriate geographical context and is unique with the University and also a connection to the State.

Rename the Minor in Italian as the Minor in Italian and Italian American Studies,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the School of Literatures, Cultural Studies, and Linguistics, and its Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies has approved the renaming of the Minor in Italian as the Minor in Italian and Italian American Studies.

The change in title reflects the disciplinary change to a cultural studies model and the change in department nomenclature, as well as the added focus on Italian American subject matter. It better represents the broadened interdisciplinary approach that now includes Italian American literatures and other cultural products in many of the courses.

At the same time, the minor is being revised to streamline it and make course offerings better reflect current trends in the field of Italian and Italian American Studies. The total number of credit hours required for the minor will be reduced from 21 to 19.

Eliminate the Minor in the Teaching of French,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the School of Literatures, Cultural Studies, and Linguistics, and its Department of French and Francophone Studies has approved the elimination of the Minor in the Teaching of French.

The Department is eliminating this teaching minor in light of the State of Illinois certification change to create an endorsement in teaching a second subject. State teaching certification requirements change frequently. Rather than complete a minor, students will be referred to the UIC Council on Teacher Education for information on State endorsement requirements for teaching French as a second subject.