

Board Meeting
January 31, 2019

RENAME AND REVISE THE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN HISTORY OF ART,
COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS, URBANA

Action: Rename and Revise the Bachelor of Fine Arts in History of Art, College of Fine and Applied Arts

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to rename and revise the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in History of Art.

This proposal seeks renaming and revision of the existing Bachelor of Fine Arts in History of Art offered by the College of Fine and Applied Arts (FAA). There are three main objectives of this proposal: 1) To change the name of the major from “History of Art” to “Art and Art History” to better reflect the actual program of study; 2) Revise the curriculum by reducing the number of required art historical and humanities credit hours and increasing the number of art studio and design courses in compliance with accreditation requirements by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD); and 3) Through the first two objectives, better distinguish the undergraduate program in art history offered by FAA from the program offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS).

Students and administrators are often confused by the presence of two undergraduate art history majors available in two colleges at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The proposed change in the name of the major in the BFA provides clarity by emphasizing the interdisciplinary nature of the FAA degree and the humanities nature of the LAS degree. Providing further clarity, the proposed curricular revision reduces the number of required art history hours from 30 to 24 and increases the number of studio and design hours from 12 to 33. This change will bring the program into compliance with NASAD accreditation requirements without changing the total number of hours required for the degree.

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 Executive Vice President and 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.