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ESTABLISH THE MASTER OF CITY DESIGN, COLLEGE OF URBAN
PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE,
CHICAGO

Action: Establish the Master of City Design, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and the Graduate College

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, and the Graduate College, recommends the establishment of the Master of City Design.

The Master of City Design will be offered by the Department of Urban Planning and Policy. The degree builds on the department's distinctive "social problem" approach to planning and design education that starts from the belief that urban issues need to be studied as complex social, economic, and political phenomena in a spatial context, and the research and community engagement activities of the college's nine interdisciplinary centers and institutes. Students will learn how to plan for the physical design of cities using spatial thinking that combines analyses of places, meaningful engagement with diverse communities, and design knowledge across scale. The degree requires 38 hours, comprised of seven required courses and one selective course. The

coursework will be delivered through face-to-face instruction, and can be completed in one year (fall, spring, and a four-week summer term). The department anticipates 10 students will enroll in the first year, and the degree will have a maximum enrollment of 25.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect 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.