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ESTABLISH THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATRE,  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Springfield Senate has approved a proposal to establish the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Bachelor of Arts in Theatre will meet student interests in the creative and performing arts while furthering the goal of the UIS Strategic Plan to enhance the cultural environment of the campus. Students enrolled in the on-ground degree program will gain an understanding and appreciation for theatre as an evolving art form and learn the fundamental processes involved in creating theatre. Students will develop their talents as theatre artists by working with dramatic literature in the classroom and on the stage and will also develop a strong sense of teamwork, as the process of creating theatre is largely collaborative.

In addition to preparing students for occupations directly related to theatre, such as acting, directing, and producing, the program will provide students with an important set of transferable skills that prepare them for graduate study in a wide array of

fields and diverse career options, including arts management, non-profit management, radio/television announcing, advertising, marketing, public relations, event planning, and fundraising.

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.