

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATE

Reorganize the Master of Arts Degree in English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield

The Springfield Senate, with the recommendation of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has approved the reorganization of the Master of Arts Degree in English.

The Master of Arts degree in English has been reorganized to offer two new concentrations: a concentration in Digital Publishing and a concentration in Digital Pedagogies. The 28-credit-hour Digital Publishing concentration will focus on creative writing with an emphasis on new media, web-based outlets, and the relationship to print publication and circulation. The 30-credit-hour Digital Pedagogies concentration will focus on teaching literature and literary analysis and production technologies. A common 12-hour core unites the two concentrations and provides coherence in the curriculum.

Reorganizing the degree program with the addition of the concentrations focuses the M.A. degree on Digital Humanities, providing graduates with the skills for new, as well as traditional, career pathways. The new concentrations will create an applied degree program not currently offered in the region that meets the demands of a digital world. The new concentrations will not change the 40-hours of study currently required for the M.A. degree.