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ESTABLISH THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PUBLIC POLICY, COLLEGE OF  
URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, CHICAGO

**Action:** Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

**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 and the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, recommends the establishment of the Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy.

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy is an interdisciplinary degree designed to enhance understanding of public problems and how governments attempt to address them. The degree focuses on the systematic analysis of public policy issues and decision processes. It includes instruction in the role of economic and political factors in public decision-making and policy formulation, microeconomic analysis of policy issues, resource allocation and decision modeling, cost/benefit analysis, statistical methods, and applications to specific public policy topics.

Students pursuing the degree can enter either as first year or transfer students. The degree requires 120 hours, and includes ten core courses and a three-course sequence in a specialized policy area. The area can be selected from a list of

options, including education or health policy, military or political science, information and decision sciences, and gender and women's studies, or customized in consultation with an advisor to fit the student's professional or research interests. In addition, students complete two senior capstone courses that provide research and community project experience.

The degree will provide preparation for careers in consulting, law, government, teaching, and the nonprofit sector, as well as graduate study in a variety of fields.

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.