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ELIMINATE THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN THE TEACHING OF EARTH  
SCIENCE, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES AND THE GRADUATE  
COLLEGE, URBANA

**Action:** Eliminate the Master of Science in the Teaching of Earth Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College

**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 Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College to eliminate the Master of Science in the Teaching of Earth Science.

The Master of Science in the Teaching of Earth Science has not had any graduates for several years. Students who were not already certified to teach earth science as part of an undergraduate program needed three to four years to complete the state certification requirements for this master's program. Due to financial constraints, the Department of Geology has been unable to fund students in the program over the last 15 years, making the investment of time and money unrealistic for most potential students. The Department of Geology continues to offer the Bachelor of Science in

Liberal Arts and Sciences in the Teaching of Earth Science as an option for those interested in pursuing certification as an earth science teacher.

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.