

Board Meeting
May 31, 2012

APPROVE SEPARATING THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC INTO THREE DEGREES, COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE ARTS, CHICAGO

Action: Approve Separating the Bachelor of Arts in Music into Three Degrees, College of Architecture and the Arts

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Vice President, University of Illinois, and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate and the College of Architecture and the Arts recommends the separation of the Bachelor of Arts in Music into three degrees: designation of the Bachelor of Arts in Music, Basic Concentration as the Bachelor of Arts in Music; designation of the Bachelor of Arts in Music, Performance Concentration as the Bachelor of Music (BMus) in Performance; designation of the Bachelor of Arts in Music, Jazz Studies Concentration as the Bachelor of Music (BMus) in Jazz Studies, College of Architecture and the Arts.

The establishment of the Department of Music within the redesignated School of Theatre and Music will accompany changes being made in order to meet the goals of the reorganization. The separation of the Bachelor of Arts in Music as separate degrees reflects the objectives of the new School of Theatre and Music and its curricular focus on the preparation of students for careers and graduate study in music.

The Department of Theatre and Music proposes to remove the term “Basic Concentration” from the Bachelor of Arts in Music in conjunction with the proposal to designate the two other concentrations as separate Bachelor of Music degrees. The term “Basic Concentration” has been used largely to differentiate it from the two other concentrations. The major is in fact not a concentration but is rather a broad and thorough study of the theory, history, and literature of music, providing excellent background for those who wish to go on to graduate study and research in theory, musicology, or ethnomusicology.

The currently existing Performance and Jazz Studies Concentrations of the B.A. in Music will become the Bachelor of Music (B.Mus.) in Performance and Bachelor of Music (B.Mus.) in Jazz Studies degrees, respectively. The nature of these existing programs reflects a pre-professional, conservatory style training. The Bachelor of Music degree is the most commonly offered degree for programs in which students devote considerable time to applied study such as instrumental or vocal performance, conducting, jazz, composition, or other narrower pursuit. Students enrolled in these degrees will prepare for applied work in the profession. The proposed degree would be the only Bachelor of Music offered at a public four-year institution in the Chicago metropolitan area.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

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 President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.