

Board Meeting  
November 10, 2016

ELIMINATE THE MASTER OF ARTS IN MATHEMATICS, COLLEGE OF  
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, CHICAGO

**Action:** Eliminate the Master of Arts in Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College

**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, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Graduate College recommends the elimination of the Master of Arts in Mathematics.

The Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science currently offers both a Master of Arts (M.A.) and Master of Science (M.S.) in Mathematics. The requirements for both degrees are identical, and students must complete 32-semester hours of coursework; a concentration in pure mathematics, applied mathematics, mathematical computer science, or probability and statistics; and either a comprehensive examination or thesis. The elimination of the M.A. will have no impact on students as none are currently enrolled, and only one student has completed the degree since 2010. The M.S. in Mathematics will be retained.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect 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.