

Board Meeting
November 13, 2008

ESTABLISH THE MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW, COLLEGE OF LAW AND THE
GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

Action: Approve the Establishment of the Master of Studies in Law, College of Law and the Graduate College, Urbana

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Law and the Graduate College to establish the Master of Studies in Law (M.S.L.).

The proposed M.S.L. is designed to permit non-lawyers and scholars in other disciplines to obtain a basic familiarity with legal thought and to explore the relation of law to their disciplines by introducing them to the foundations of the legal system, the basic modes of legal argumentation and analysis, legal procedure, and the substantive law of selected areas. Many professionals and academics outside the legal academy have an interest in understanding basic principles of law and how legal systems operate. The M.S.L. program would afford an opportunity for those on the Urbana campus and elsewhere to enhance their own professional and scholarly goals while also enriching the College of Law community with the presence of students with well-developed expertise

in other disciplines. The M.S.L. is a one-year program, nonprofessional terminal degree program.

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.