

Board Meeting  
November 13, 2008

ESTABLISH THE MASTER OF EDUCATION IN ART EDUCATION, COLLEGE OF  
FINE AND APPLIED ARTS AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

**Action:** Approve the Establishment of the Master of Education in Art Education,  
College of Fine and Applied Arts 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 Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College to establish the Master of Education (Ed.M.) in Art Education.

The proposed Ed.M. is designed to prepare students who wish to pursue advanced professional development in the practice of art education (e.g., an art teacher, a visual or fine arts department chair, a community-based art education resource specialist or advocate, or a visual or fine arts curriculum consultant). The existing M.A. in Art Education will remain as the primary research-oriented degree leading to doctoral studies, while the Ed.M. will not require a thesis.

The program will also offer an option leading to teacher certification for individuals who have a degree in art and wish to be certified to teach visual arts in grades K through 12. Students seeking certification to teach will follow the same sequence of

professional education and art education courses as the undergraduate curriculum requires, in addition to completing the coursework for the Ed.M.

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.