

Board Meeting  
November 16, 2017

ESTABLISH THE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN STUDIO ART, COLLEGE OF  
FINE AND APPLIED ARTS, URBANA

**Action:** Establish the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art, College of Fine and Applied Arts

**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 Fine and Applied Arts to establish the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art (BFA in Studio Art) is designed to offer students a rigorous education in contemporary studio arts practices that is also interdisciplinary, as it will draw on courses in the existing painting, sculpture, and new media majors as well as adding a new area, printmaking. The proposed major accommodates students wishing to continue study in upper-level research courses in a dynamic, innovative curriculum of courses of broader interest than the current majors available in the BFA degree. As detailed in an accompanying report item, students in the BFA in Studio Art can choose from a concentration in Painting, Sculpture, New Media, or Printmaking, or they can opt for a broader-ranging, hybrid experience in the General Studio Art concentration.

As the BFA is a professional degree with global standards, the proposed BFA in Studio Art will conform to specifications outlined in the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) Competencies Summary.

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.