

Board Meeting
July 13, 2017

ELIMINATE THE MASTER OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL
ARTS AND SCIENCES AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

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

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 Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College to eliminate the Master of Arts in Economics.

The Department of Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has for many years had both a Master of Arts (M.A.) and a Master of Science (M.S.) in Economics which were available to students interested in earning a master's degree as they worked toward the Ph.D. degree. Students cannot apply to the M.A. directly, and this degree has not been awarded in more than a decade. There is no need to have both the M.A. and the M.S. programs, and therefore the university proposes elimination of the M.A. The department continues to offer the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees as well as the undergraduate major.

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.