

Board Meeting
July 23, 2015

ESTABLISH THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION,
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION, SPRINGFIELD

Action: Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration, College of Public Affairs and Administration

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Springfield Senate recommends a proposal to establish the Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration in the College of Public Affairs and Administration.

The interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration meets a need for baccalaureate graduates with strong foundational knowledge in social science and administrative skills and expertise for employment in public service and nonprofit administrative positions or in preparation for graduate level education in public administration, political science, or similar programs. As the first Public Administration baccalaureate degree in Illinois, this 120-hour on-ground program seeks to capitalize on the University of Illinois at Springfield's location in the state capitol, where public administration positions in public and nonprofit organizations represent one of the chief employment opportunities in the region. This public administration degree accords well

with the Springfield campus' public affairs mission by training administrators to think critically and civically as they lead.

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.