

Board Meeting
July 23, 2015

RENAME THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, COLLEGE OF
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION, SPRINGFIELD

Action: Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, 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 rename the Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice as the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice in the College of Public Affairs and Administration.

Criminal justice focuses on crime and how society defines and responds to crime and criminology applies scientific principles to the study of crime, criminal behavior, and punishment. Criminal justice and criminology are complementary areas of study that, when paired, provide greater career flexibility in criminal justice and social service-related professions. The Criminal Justice Department made significant changes to its core curriculum in 2008 to provide majors with a broader liberal arts education and strengthen the focus on research and analysis. These changes included adding a new course in applied statistics and an introductory course in criminology. The revised degree name is consistent with national standards in the discipline and more accurately represents the curriculum and areas of expertise of the faculty.

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.