

Board Meeting
July 24, 2014

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

Action: Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Dance, 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 a Bachelor of Arts in Dance.

The proposed degree program is for students who want to explore interdisciplinary approaches to art-making, and/or simultaneously pursue a minor or major in another discipline. Students will study three core areas in Dance: Physical Practice, Creative Process, and Dance Theory in addition to at least one other key area of interest such as Theatre, Music, Anthropology, Business, Art and Design, Environment, Film, Gender Studies, Cultural Studies, etc. Under the mentorship of a faculty member, students will create a capstone project in the senior year as a synthesis of the studies within dance and another area of study.

The Bachelor of Arts in Dance is designed to provide an integrated and individualized approach to undergraduate studies of dance; whereas, the Bachelor of Fine

Arts in Dance is modeled after conservatory programs, which require a high level of hours spent in studio practice. The curricular flexibility of the Bachelor of Arts in Dance will allow students with creative skills and an entrepreneurial spirit to explore the arts and expand their interdisciplinary interests. The program will attract students who want to explore their passion for the arts while allowing for a practical focus on the job market.

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.