

Board Meeting
March 14, 2019

ELIMINATE THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPANISH-ECONOMICS, COLLEGE
OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, CHICAGO

Action: Eliminate the Bachelor of Arts in Spanish-Economics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the elimination of the Bachelor of Arts in Spanish-Economics.

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Spanish-Economics is a collaboration of the Department of Economics and the Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies. The number of students declaring and completing the degree has declined significantly over the past eight years, only eight degrees have been awarded since January 2010. Many students began the program only to realize that it made more sense for them to pursue a major in one discipline (economics or Spanish) and a minor in the other. As this approach will remain available to students interested in both disciplines, the elimination of the B.A. in Spanish-Economics will have little impact on students, faculty, and staff. Currently enrolled students, including those who entered the degree in Fall 2018, may complete the degree, but no new cohorts of students will be enrolled.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect 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.