

Board Meeting  
March 7, 2013

RENAME THE BACHELOR OF MUSIC IN MUSIC HISTORY, COLLEGE OF FINE  
AND APPLIED ARTS, URBANA

**Action:** Rename the Bachelor of Music in Music History, 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 rename the Bachelor of Music in Music History as the Bachelor of Music in Musicology.

The change in the name of the major reflects the current merger of historical and ethnomusicological approaches that has always been a signature feature of the program. It also reflects the 21st century view of musicology; specifically the dissolution of a sense of an implicit intradisciplinary boundary between historical musicology and ethnomusicology, and the study of non-Western music and the history of Western music. The field is moving away from this timeworn, constrictive periodization of our curriculum into specific historical eras which better reflect the philosophy and expertise of our current faculty. The change also more accurately represents the interdisciplinary education of transnational scope available to students who choose this degree.

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.