

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON ACTIONS OF THE SENATES

Establish Graduate Concentrations in Criminal Law; Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade; Intellectual Property and Technology Law; and International and Comparative Law within the Master of Laws Degree, College of Law and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Law and the Graduate College to establish four new concentrations within the Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree: (1) Criminal Law; (2) Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade; (3) Intellectual Property and Technology Law; and (4) International and Comparative Law. These additional concentrations offer directed, optional programs of study for the LL.M. students in increasingly important fields of global legal practice. They will also be beneficial to the College of Law, as several peer law schools offer these concentrations in their LL.M. degrees. The additional concentrations will permit the University Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to better communicate the breadth of curricular offerings to student applicants as well as to prospective employers.

Establish the Graduate Concentration in Actuarial Science and Risk Analysis within the Ph.D. in Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College to establish a new concentration in Actuarial Science and Risk Analysis within the Ph.D. in Mathematics. The concentration is designed to attract students with strong quantitative skills and interest in financial risk analytics and actuarial applications of mathematics, and to equip them with advanced

analytical tools for professional and academic careers. Students opting to pursue this concentration will be required to choose particular courses to fulfill the core requirements in the Ph.D. in Mathematics program, and they will take additional coursework in actuarial science, finance, and statistics. The proposed concentration in Actuarial Science and Risk Analytics will provide a formal credential that is immediately recognizable to industry and academia, and it will demonstrate graduates' breadth and depth of expertise to the international actuarial research community and to corporate and government employers.

Establish Concentrations in Cognitive Neuroscience; Diversity Science; Personality Psychology; and Social Psychology within the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to establish four new concentrations within the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences (BSLAS) in Psychology: (1) Cognitive Neuroscience; (2) Diversity Science; (3) Personality Psychology; and (4) Social Psychology. The Cognitive Neuroscience concentration reflects the academic focus of a major group of faculty within the department. The other is a Diversity Science concentration covering the area of psychological research focusing on prejudice and discrimination and has courses offered by faculty in several areas of psychology. The proposal also separates the currently existing Social-Personality Psychology concentration into a Personality Psychology concentration and a Social Psychology concentration. Concentrations within the major were created to recognize students that follow an academic path within one particular area of psychology. The department has

always been divided into different program areas based on faculty research interests. The proposed concentrations reflect these program areas and the growth in coursework in these areas. They also better reflect current trends in psychology research, areas that are expanding and expected to continue to expand in the future.

Rename and Revise the Graduate Concentration in Environmental Law, Sustainability, and Compliance within the Master of Laws Degree, College of Law and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Law and the Graduate College to rename and revise the Environmental Law, Sustainability, and Compliance concentration within the Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree. In keeping with trends in the profession, the revised concentration will be called “Regulation, Sustainability, and Compliance,” and courses in the regulation area that cover health law and policy and income taxation will be added to the list of courses from which students select ten hours. As with the proposed concentrations listed in the item above, this renamed and revised concentration offers a directed, optional program of study for the students in an increasingly important field of global legal practice, and it too will permit the University Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to better communicate the breadth of curricular offerings to student applicants as well as to prospective employers.

Rename the Concentration in General Psychology within the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to rename the General Psychology concentration within the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences (BSLAS) in Psychology. A change in

name to “Intradisciplinary Psychology” is proposed for two reasons. First, with the introduction of concentrations, which were reported to the Board of Trustees on July 23, 2015, undergraduate psychology majors have been planning their course of study more deliberately. Many students indicate they wish to combine courses from more than one concentration area. The current “General Psychology” label does not reflect the intentionality of these intradisciplinary course selections. Second, renaming the General Psychology concentration “Intradisciplinary Psychology” encourages intentionality in the planning of an academic career across different areas in the field rather than seeming like a catch-all category.

Eliminate the Graduate Concentrations in Commercial Law and Trade and in Corporate and Finance Law within the Master of Laws Degree, College of Law and the Graduate College, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Law and the Graduate College to eliminate two existing concentrations, one in Commercial Law and Trade and the other in Corporate and Finance Law, within the Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree. The core courses in these two concentrations will be merged into a single concentration to be called Corporate Law, Commercial Law, and Trade. The elimination of the Commercial Law and Trade and the Corporate and Finance Law concentrations as separate areas of study is in keeping with trends in the profession. As with the proposed new concentrations and the proposed revised concentration items, this proposed change permits the University Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to better communicate the breadth of curricular offerings to student applicants as well as to prospective employers.

Eliminate the Concentration in Social-Personality Psychology within the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

The Urbana-Champaign Senate has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to eliminate the Social-Personality Psychology concentration within the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences (BSLAS) in Psychology. Establishment of separate concentrations, one in Personality Psychology and one in Social Psychology, is proposed to better reflect students' distinct areas of interest and the distinct coursework in these areas. Therefore, elimination of the existing Social-Personality Psychology concentration is sought at this time.

Establish the Joint Master of Science in Computer Science/Master of Fine Arts in New Media Arts, College of Engineering, College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, and the Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Engineering, College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, and the Graduate College, has approved the establishment of the joint Master of Science in Computer Science/Master of Fine Arts in New Media Arts.

Since 1972, two UIC research laboratories – the Electronic Visualization Lab in the College of Engineering and the New Media Arts Lab in the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts – have maintained a closely knit community of researchers who focus on the integration of art, emerging media, and computational processes. This relationship is the oldest formal collaboration between academic departments of engineering, computer science, and art in the United States, and many

students have opted to pursue the affiliated graduate degrees in computer science and new media arts.

Students must meet the admissions requirements of both programs and are admitted separately to each program through separate applications. The joint degree enables students to acquire advanced knowledge of programming languages, digital fabrication, and generative arts, alongside their study of critical art theory and exploratory studio practices. Further, the joint degree prepares students for interdisciplinary careers in the arts, including interactive media, human-centered computing, and other emerging fields that involve the creative application of new technologies.

The completion of each degree separately requires four years and a total of 100 hours – 36 hours for the M.S. in Computer Science and 64 hours for the MFA in New Media Arts. The joint M.S./MFA can be completed in three years, and students earn a total of 88 hours. The requirements for completion of the joint degree are identical to the requirements for the completion of the two separate degrees; however, 12 hours of shared coursework – including a required project with strong technical and creative focus – is used for both degrees.

Establish the Post-Baccalaureate Healthy Living Practitioner Campus Certificate,  
College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College, Chicago

The Chicago Senate with the recommendation of the College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College, has approved the establishment of the Healthy Living Practitioner Campus Certificate.

Eighty percent of premature chronic disease diagnoses and their associated adverse events can be prevented through healthy living. Given the current and future projections for global unhealthy living characteristics and chronic disease, there is an urgent demand for all health professionals to receive appropriate education and training in healthy living. Aimed at increasing the number of health professionals able to provide healthy living interventions, this certificate program will foster unique opportunities for students to broaden their skill sets with new and innovative healthy living communication, assessment, intervention, and promotion strategies and tactics that can be used to meet the needs of a wide range of organizations as well as the diverse array of populations they serve. The certificate also creates a new educational model of chronic disease prevention and promotion of healthy living, thereby expanding the clinical, rehabilitative, and community service aspects within the UIC system.

Certificate students will acquire the skills necessary to: (1) assess healthy living behaviors (i.e., nutrition, exercise and physical activity, healthy weight management and weight loss, and smoking cessation) and associated metrics (i.e., blood pressure, lipids, and glucose); (2) provide appropriate healthy living interventions that are personalized and participatory; and (3) become leaders for promoting a culture of healthy living in a variety of environments (e.g., clinical settings, school systems, communities, workplaces).

The certificate – which has been endorsed by the American Heart Association – is available to practicing health professionals, recent graduates in these fields, and UIC students pursuing post-baccalaureate degrees in these fields. It requires

nine courses (22 credit hours), and can be completed in 12 months (full-time) or two to three years (part-time). Required courses include: an overview of public health policy challenges and controversies, health communication and literacy, preventive health screening, nutrition, exercise and physical activity, behavioral counseling, basic principles of health information systems, an inter-professional group project, and a practicum.

Establish the Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Management within the Master of Business Administration, College of Business and Management, Springfield

The Springfield Senate with the recommendation of the College of Business and Management has approved the establishment of a Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Management within the Master of Business Administration.

The purpose of the Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Management is to provide current professionals and students aspiring to pursue careers in the healthcare field with knowledge of the organizational aspects and needs of the healthcare industry. With healthcare organizations being one of the leading employers in Central Illinois, there is solid job market demand in the industry for managers who have healthcare-focused business skills. The 13-hour campus certificate program will be offered in a blended format and may be earned in conjunction with the MBA or as a standalone certificate.