

Board Meeting  
May 20, 2010

REVISE AND RENAME THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, MAJOR IN CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve the Revision and Renaming of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Classical Civilization, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, along with its Department of Classics and Mediterranean Studies, recommends the revision and renaming of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, major in Classical Civilization as the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, major in Classical Studies.

The Department of Classics and Mediterranean Studies within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences proposes to revise and rename the Classical Civilization major. The revision is intended to allow students to develop familiarity with the literature, history, religion, art, and archaeology of the Greco-Roman world in antiquity, from the Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations of pre-Homeric Greece (c. 2800 B.C.) to the late Roman empire of the fifth century A.D. The revision will provide a tighter course requirement structure; convert the language courses formerly presented as a

collateral requirement to an integral part of the major; and add Modern Greek as an option for satisfying the major requirement of language proficiency.

The renaming of the major in Classical Civilization as the major in Classical Studies is intended to signify a broadening of the scope of the major. The term "Classical Civilization," as it is commonly applied throughout the field, denotes the study of classical literature, culture, and history through the medium of English translations. The current Classical Civilization major requires minimal study of either Ancient Greek or Latin, to no higher than the second year (intermediate level). The renaming signifies the inclusion of advanced language study in ancient Greek or Latin as an option for students who want to prepare for graduate school by reading texts not exclusively in English, but in the original languages.

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.