

Approved by the Board of Trustees
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TRANSFER THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DATA ANALYTICS, COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, SPRINGFIELD

Action: Transfer the Master of Science in Data Analytics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: No new funding is required to transfer the administrative home of the existing major.

The Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois System with the advice of the Springfield Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to transfer the Master of Science in Data Analytics (MSDA) from the Department of Mathematical Sciences to the Department of Computer Science.

The MSDA is a joint program offered by the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Mathematical Sciences. Since the program began in 2016 it has been administratively housed in the Department of Mathematical Sciences, although most of the curriculum is offered by the Department of Computer Science.

Administratively transferring the program to the Department of Computer Science will enhance the efficiency of course scheduling and curriculum development. With the strong relationships the Department of Computer Science has established with community partners and State agencies, the transfer will also offer students increased

opportunities for experiential learning, providing students with hands-on experience to develop additional skills and knowledge to succeed in the workplace. The proposed transfer coincides with the current initiative within the Department of Computer Science to expand relationships with local and national recruiters, which will enhance MDSA students' career prospects, competitiveness, and employability.

The proposed administrative move of the MDSA is supported by both departments. No funding is required or requested for the transfer.

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 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. The action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education but IBHE approval is not required.