

Board Meeting
May 22, 2008

ESTABLISH THE GLOBAL STUDIES MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF ARTS
DEGREE IN THE COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION,
SPRINGFIELD

Action: Approve the Establishment of the Global Studies Major Within the Bachelor of Arts Degree in the College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Springfield with the advice of the Springfield Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Public Affairs and Administration to establish the Global Studies major within the Bachelor of Arts degree.

The establishment of the interdisciplinary Global Studies major will develop even further on fifteen years of experience with an International Studies minor while reflecting on recent developments designed to enhance the international aspects and appeal of the General Education curriculum at the Springfield campus. The Global Studies program should also play an important role in further expanding the Study Abroad opportunities and increasing foreign language instruction.

Global Studies is a recommended major in the UIS Strategic Plan and should be an attractive major to students in achieving multiple perspectives in

understanding the ever changing global community. The major will also provide a global setting for the University of Illinois at Springfield's commitment to public affairs.

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.