

Board Meeting
May 29, 2013

ELIMINATE THE MASTER OF SCIENCE AND DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING, COLLEGE OF
ENGINEERING AND GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

Action: Eliminate the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in
Environmental Science in Civil Engineering, College of Engineering and
Graduate College

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 Engineering and the Graduate
College to eliminate the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental
Science in Civil Engineering.

Prior to 2008, master's and doctoral students in the Environmental
Engineering and Science Program in the Department of Civil and Environmental
Engineering were required to pursue a graduate degree in Environmental Science in Civil
Engineering if they did not have an undergraduate degree in engineering. Only students
with an undergraduate degree in engineering could pursue a graduate degree in
Environmental Engineering in Civil Engineering. Since then, students with non-
engineering undergraduate degrees have been allowed to pursue either an Environmental
Engineering or an Environmental Science in Civil Engineering graduate degree, and the

number of students pursuing an Environmental Science in Civil Engineering graduate degree has dropped to less than one or two per year. Given the decrease in demand for the M.S. or Ph.D. in Environmental Science in Civil Engineering, the department is proposing termination of the degree programs.

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.