

Board Meeting
November 12, 2015

ESTABLISH THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EXERCISE SCIENCE,
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, SPRINGFIELD

Action: Establish the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Springfield Senate has approved a proposal to establish the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science will combine classroom, laboratory, and clinical field experience designed to provide clinical knowledge and skills relating to movement, physical exertion, kinesiology, health awareness, and research into health disorders. The program is designed for students who are interested in pursuing careers in medical and wellness professions, as well as students planning to pursue graduate degrees in physical therapy and other medical fields. The 120-credit hour on-ground degree program features a two-track curriculum allowing students to focus their studies on health or physical therapy. To offer the degree, UIS will use internal reallocation to fund two new tenure-system faculty positions.

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.