

Board Meeting  
November 13, 2008

REDESIGNATE THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES  
IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES,  
URBANA

**Action:** Approve the Redesignation of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Religious Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to redesignate the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences (B.A.L.A.S.) in Religious Studies as the B.A.L.A.S. in Religion.

This request follows the proposal to establish the Department of Religion, approved on May 22, 2008. The degree provides students with critical skills to encounter Western and non-Western religions and to understand the bases of these religions in cultural and historical traditions. The department is committed to deepening the understanding of the heterogeneity of American cultures and examining in depth global cultures.

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.