

Board Meeting  
November 15, 2018

RENAME THE MASTER OF ARTS IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES AND THE GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

**Action:** Rename the Master of Arts in East Asian Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the 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 Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College to rename the Master of Arts in East Asian Studies.

The revised program name being proposed is “Master of Arts in East Asian Languages and Cultures” (MA in EALC). This name is consistent with program naming used by peer institutions in departments of East Asian Languages and Cultures throughout the United States. These MA in EALC programs are generally specialized programs for those students who intend to proceed to pursue a Ph.D. in Chinese, Japanese, or Korean. By contrast, MA in East Asian Studies programs at peer institutions typically offer preparation for further study in business, international law, political science, or a career field where regional and language expertise are important. Changing the name of the program from “Master of Arts in East Asian Studies” to “Master of Arts in East Asian Languages and Cultures” better aligns it with similar programs around the

nation. The revised name also more accurately represents the primary focus of this program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which is geared toward students who seek to pursue a Ph.D. and a teaching or academic career in the field of Chinese, Japanese, or Korean languages or 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 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. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.