

Board Meeting  
November 16, 2017

ESTABLISH THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN STUDIO ART, COLLEGE OF FINE  
AND APPLIED ARTS, URBANA

**Action:** Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art, College of Fine and Applied Arts

**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 Fine and Applied Arts to establish the Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art.

The Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art (BASA) is designed to offer students a rigorous education in contemporary studio arts practices while allowing them sufficient space in their academic schedules to add studies in other areas or disciplines. As detailed in an accompanying report item, the proposed BASA will offer concentrations in Painting, Sculpture, New Media, Printmaking, and General Studio Art, thereby combining existing courses from academically discrete disciplines into an innovative and interdisciplinary major.

There is growing interest amongst prospective and current students and their families for a program that allows them to study studio art without seeking the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree's professional level of specialization in an intensely competitive field. Because of its flexibility in application, the BASA will appeal to such

students. It offers a more inclusive view of multiple art practices as well as agility with rapidly-emerging technologies combined with “traditional” studio endeavors. In addition, the proposed major permits studio faculty in the College of Fine and Applied Arts to innovate with responsive curricula that reflect the contemporary art world and is more compatible with their own research.

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.