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# ELIMINATE THE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN PHOTOGRAPHY, COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS, URBANA

**Action:** Eliminate the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography, College of Fine and

Applied Arts

**Funding:** No funding impact is expected.

The Chancellor, University of Illinois 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 eliminate the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography (BFA in Photography).

Professional contemporary art practices have expanded beyond the traditional, discrete disciplinary BFA degrees. The BFA in Photography has seen declining enrollment for the past several years. In Spring 2021, the faculty voted and approved unanimously a plan to eliminate via phasedown the BFA in Photography. By phasing down, currently enrolled students will be able to complete the program. Interested prospective students will be directed to either the BFA in Studio Art or the B.A. in Studio Art, both of which have concentrations in Photography.

There is no impact on funding, facilities, libraries, or technology. Faculty and staff working with this program also work with the BFA and B.A. in Studio Art 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 Interim 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 of Illinois System recommends approval. This action is subject to further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.