Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE: Revision to Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA), major in the History of Art Program of Study, School of Art + Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts.

SPONSOR: Melissa Pokorny, Professor, Associate Director, School of Art + Design, 333-0855, mpokorny@illinois.edu

COLLEGE CONTACT: Linda Robbennolt, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs–Academic Programs, College of Fine and Applied Art, 333-6061, weasel@illinois.edu

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Program in History of Art seeks to revise its BFA History of Art major. The proposal revises both the name and the curriculum. A revision for the BA/LAS History of Art has also been proposed through the college of LAS.

There are four objectives in this revision proposal to the BFA History of Art.

**Objective 1)** Adjust the name of the program of study from “History of Art” to “Art and Art History” to better reflect the actual course of study.

**Objective 2)** Clarify the distinction between the College of Fine and Applied Arts BFA with a major in History of Art degree and the College of Liberal Arts BA degree with a major in History of Art.

**Objective 3)** Reduce the number of required art historical/humanities credit hours and increase the art studio/design courses, in compliance with accreditation requirements by National Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

**Objective 4)** Clarify the underlying structural logic of the course of study by making the relative difficulty of course levels more apparent to students.

JUSTIFICATION:

**Objectives 1&2)** Changing the name of the major from History of Art to Art and Art History clarifies for students and faculty the combined studies of history and art practice that defines the program. It will further differentiate itself from the current or revised BA/LAS History of Art.

Students (and administrators) are often confused by the presence of two History of Art degrees in two colleges. The proposed changes emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of the FAA degree
and the Humanities emphasis of the LAS degree. The revision acknowledges the interdisciplinary work in the BFA by adjusting the title of the degree to *Art and Art History*.

**Objective 3)** The current BFA History of Art degree requires 30 hours of art history, 6 hours of humanities work and 12 hours of studio work for a total of 48 hours (in addition to foundation requirements). The proposed revision in the Art and Art History degree reduces the art history work to 24 hours and increases studio and design requirements to 33 hours, totaling 57 hours (in addition to foundation requirements). This increase in studio and design work brings the degree into compliance with NASAD accreditation regulations.

There are many students who wish to *make* art as well as hone critical academic skills. Requirements for studio courses and art history courses are nearly equal in this revised curriculum. Students who earn this degree will be qualified to pursue a broader range of careers, museum work, or graduate study in either art history or studio practice.

**Objective 4)** In a series of increasingly focused courses (introductory, upper-level, seminar), the major now provides an easily understandable format for students to move through the curriculum in a timely and productive manner. To help achieve this goal, we recently established a new 100-level gateway course, ARTH 110 *Introduction to the History of Art and Visual Culture*; this course has already been approved and will replace the requirement to choose three out of five available introductory 100-level courses. This will eliminate the confusion many students encountered regarding requirements made logistically complicated when courses were not regularly offered each semester.

As students advance through the curriculum, the new requirement of two seminars at the 400-level also guarantees that all BFA students will receive extensive training in how to write sustained texts on works of art.

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**BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

1) **Resources**
   
a. How does the unit intend to financially support this proposal? *Existing faculty and graduate teaching assistants will teach all courses; no new resources will be needed for staffing.*

   b. How will the unit create capacity or surplus to appropriately resource this program? If applicable, what functions or programs will the unit no longer support to create capacity? *The current curriculum resources are being reassigned. For instance, to accommodate the anticipated increased enrollment in our new introductory course ARTH 110, this class will now be offered every semester and our old introductory courses (e.g. ARTH 111, ARTH 112, ARTH 113, ARTH 114, ARTH 115) will no longer be offered. All faculty will be expected to periodically teach the new course. Faculty have also redesigned other courses to bring them into alignment with our new curriculum. For instance, some 300- and 400-level lecture courses (such as Post-Impression and Race and Representation) have been redesigned as 400-level seminar courses. Moreover, while we hope our curriculum revision brings in new majors, our numbers are small enough that an increase would not pose a resource problem.*
c. Will the unit need to seek campus or other external resources? If so, please provide a summary of the sources and an indication of the approved support? **None Needed.**
d. Please provide a letter of acknowledgment from the college that outlines the financial arrangements for the proposed program. **Please see attached letter.**

2) Resource Implications
   a. Please address the impact on faculty resources including the changes in numbers of faculty, class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratios, etc. **None. In 2017 there were 21 BA/LAS and 10 BFA History of Art majors. In the short term, we anticipate our BFA majors to grow to 15-20, and then slowly increase to 30. These numbers will not affect our faculty or resources in any way.**
   b. Please address the impact on course enrollment in other units and provide an explanation of discussions with representatives of those units. **No Units outside of the School of Art +Design are impacted.**
   c. Please address the impact on the University Library. **Please see attached letter.**
   d. Please address the impact on technology and space (e.g. computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.) **None.**

For new degree programs only: **NOT APPLICABLE**

Briefly describe how this program will support the University’s mission, focus, and/or current priorities. Include specific objectives and measurable outcomes that demonstrate the program’s consistency with and centrality to that mission.

3) Please provide an analysis of the market demand for this degree program. **What market indicators are driving this proposal? What type of employment outlook should these graduates expect? What resources will be provided to assist students with job placement?**

4) If this is a proposed graduate program, please discuss the programs intended use of waivers. **If the program is dependent on waivers, how will the unit compensate for lost tuition revenue?**

**DESIRE EFFECTIVE DATE:** Fall 2019
Art and Art History (Proposed)

Art and Design, School of
Director: Alan Mette
School Office: 143 Art and Design Building, 408 East Peabody, Champaign, IL 217 333-0855
www.art.illinois.edu

For the Degree Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art and Art History

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Contact: Mark Avery
Coordinator of Undergraduate Academic Affairs
School Office: 140 Art and Design Building, Champaign, 333-6632, mavery@illinois.edu

Professor Kristin Romberg (kromberg@illinois.edu) serves as the Program’s Director of Undergraduate Studies

General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.
40 credits hours in degree required in 300-400 level coursework to meet IBHE requirements.

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3. This requirement may be satisfied by:
   • Successfully completing a third-semester college-level course in a language other than English;
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7. 4D Categories include: ARTS 241—Image Practice; ARTS 243—Time Arts I; and ARTS 244—Interaction I.
CLEARANCES: (Clearances should include signatures and dates of approval. These signatures must appear on a separate sheet. If multiple departments or colleges are sponsoring the proposal, please add the appropriate signature lines below.)

Signatures:

Unit Representative:  
[Signature]  9-27-18  
Date:

College Representative:  
[Signature]  9-28-18  
Date:

Graduate College Representative:  
Date:

Council on Teacher Education Representative:  
Date:
# Appendix A
## Curricular Comparison Tables

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<td>The curriculum in the history of art requires 122 credit hours and offers a broad cultural education that unites academic and studio training. The curriculum provides sound preparation for the graduate study required for museum work or teaching at the college level.</td>
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  - ARTH 111-Ancient to Medieval Art  
  - ARTH 112-Renaissance to Modern Art  
  - ARTH 113-Introduction to African Art  
  - ARTH 114-Introduction to East Asian Art | 18  
  - 6 courses at the 200-400 level (3 credit hours each)  
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| 9     | One advanced Art History (200-400 level) course from each of the following categories:  
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  - Art History before 1700  
  - Art History after 1700 |  
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| 3     | Advanced Art History course not used elsewhere |  
| 3     | ARTH 395-Junior Seminar in Art History  
  ARTH 495-Senior Seminar in Art History | 6  
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25 September 2018

Senator Educational Policy Committee
University of Illinois
608 South Wright Street
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Committee:

The College of Fine and Applied Arts acknowledges and supports the revised Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art History by the School of Art and Design.

No additional resources will be required by the School of Art and Design to deliver this revised degree program. Revenue generated through the campus budget model will be credited to the School of Art and Design consistent with FAA’s budgeting procedures.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hamilton
Dean Designate
Sept. 26, 2018

Linda Robbennolt
Associate Dean, Academic Programs
College of Fine and Applied Arts
M/C 590

Dear Prof. Robbennolt:

Earlier this month, we received a proposal from FAA for curricular changes. This proposal included:

- Revision to Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA), major in the History of Art Program of Study, School of Art + Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts.

Christopher Quinn reviewed the proposal, and he indicated that the proposal as drafted would have no significant impact on operations within the University Library.

If additional services or materials are required as the programs further develop, we will be happy to discuss those needs as they emerge.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John P. Wilkin
Juanita J. and Robert E. Simpson
Dean of Libraries and University Librarian

e-c: Chris Quinn
Thomas Teper
October 1, 2018

Gay Miller, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to revise and rename the Bachelor of Fine Arts in the History of Art.

Sincerely,

Kathryn A. Martensen
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

c: M. Pokorny
L. Robbennolt
T. Weissman
A. Edwards
E. Stuby
PROPOSAL TITLE (Same as on proposal): School of Art + Design, Revision to BFA in Art History
Major Program of Study, School of Art + Design

PROPOSAL TYPE (select all that apply below):

A. ☑ Proposal for a NEW or REVISED degree program. Please consult the Programs of Study Catalog for official titles of existing degree programs.

1. Degree program level:
   - ☐ Graduate
   - ☐ Professional
   - ☑ Undergraduate

2. ☐ Proposal for a new degree (e.g. B.S., M.A. or Ph.D.):
   Degree name, “e.g., Bachelor of Arts or Master of Science”: _____

3. ☑ Proposal for a new or revised major, concentration, or minor:
   - ☐ New or ☑ Revised Major in (name of existing or proposed major): Art and Art History
   - ☑ New or ☐ Revised Concentration in (name of existing or proposed concentration): _____
   - ☐ New or ☐ Revised Minor in (name of existing or proposed minor): _____

4. ☑ Proposal to rename an existing major, concentration, or minor:
   - ☑ Major
   - ☐ Concentration
   - ☐ Minor

   Current name: Art History
   Proposed new name: Art and Art History

5. ☐ Proposal to terminate an existing degree, major, concentration, or minor:
   - ☐ Degree
   - ☐ Major
   - ☐ Concentration
   - ☐ Minor

   Name of existing degree, major, or concentration: _____

6. ☐ Proposal involving a multi-institutional degree:
   - ☐ New
   - ☐ Revision
   - ☐ Termination

   Name of existing Illinois (UIUC) degree: _____
Name of non-Illinois partnering institution: _____

Location of non-Illinois partnering institution:

☐ State of Illinois      ☐ US State: _____      ☐ Foreign country: _____

B. ☐ Proposal to create a new academic unit (college, school, department, program or other academic unit):

   Name of proposed new unit: _____

C. ☐ Proposal to rename an existing academic unit (college, school, department, or other academic unit):

   Current name of unit: _____

   Proposed new name of unit: _____

D. ☐ Proposal to reorganize existing units (colleges, schools, departments, or program):

   1. ☐ Proposal to change the status of an existing and approved unit (e.g. change from a program to department) 

      Name of current unit including status: _____

   2. ☐ Proposal to transfer an existing unit:

      Current unit’s name and home: _____

      Proposed new home for the unit: _____

   3. ☐ Proposal to merge two or more existing units (e.g., merge department A with department B):

      Name and college of unit one to be merged: _____

      Name and college of unit two to be merged: _____

      Proposed name and college of new (merged) unit: _____

   4. ☐ Proposal to terminate an existing unit:

      Current unit’s name and status: _____

E. ☐ Other educational policy proposals (e.g., academic calendar, grading policies, etc.)

   Nature of the proposal: _____

Revised 10/2012