

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION\ACADEMIC AND PERSONNEL

November 12, 2020

ACTION: **Approve Elimination of Bachelor of Science Degree for Art Comprehensive Major for Wayne State College**

Per Board Policy 4200; Academic Program Approval and Review Process establishes that all changes in academic program offerings be submitted to the Board for approval. Wayne State would like to seek approval to eliminate the Bachelor of Science degree option for the Art comprehensive major beginning Fall 2021. During WSC's most recent application for reaccreditation by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), the accrediting body expressed concern with the similarities between the BA and BS degree options and recommended the elimination of the BS option if WSC could not meet NASAD's definition of a BS degree, which requires 78 credits in the major area of study. To address this concern, WSC is proposing that the BS degree option be eliminated for the Art comprehensive major. The BA degree option will continue to be available to students to meet the need and demand for a baccalaureate level program in Art, while eliminating unnecessary duplication within the institution.

The System Office and Wayne State College recommend approval of the Elimination of Bachelor of Science Degree for Art Comprehensive Major for Wayne State College.

ATTACHMENTS:

- WSC Comprehensive Major in Art - Elimination of BS Degree Option Proposal - Nov 2020 Final (PDF)

Wayne State College
Comprehensive Art Major
Proposal to Eliminate Bachelor of Science Degree Option

1. Descriptive information

- A. Name of institution
Wayne State College (WSC)
- B. Name of program to be deleted
Art Comprehensive Major (BS degree option)
- C. Degrees/credentials to be awarded graduates of the program
Bachelor of Science in Art
- D. Other programs offered in this field by the institution
Bachelor of Art in Art (with concentrations in Graphic Design and Studio Art, as well as a PK-12 Field Endorsement in Art Education)
- E. CIP code
50.0409 (Graphic Design), 50.0702 (Fine/Studio Art), 13.1302 (Art Education)
- F. Administrative units for the program
Art and Design (ARTD) Department; School of Arts and Humanities
- G. Proposed delivery site(s) and type(s) of delivery, if applicable
Currently delivered at Wayne State College, In-Person Course Delivery
- H. Proposed date (term/year) the program deletion will be initiated
Fall, 2021
- I. Description

In the Commission Action Report (dated August 18, 2020) responding to WSC's application for reaccreditation, the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) expressed concern with the similarity between the Bachelor of Art and Bachelor of Science degrees for this program:

- 4. The Commission seeks further information regarding the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees offered by the art/design unit in light of the concern raised in the Visitors' Report that there is little differentiation between the two degrees (see Visitors' Report, pp. 2, 4–26, and 35; *NASAD Handbook 2019-20*, Standards for Accreditation IV.A.2.a.). The institution is asked to submit a current curricular table in the NASAD format for each degree which shows clearly the requirements for each degree and the differences between them. The institution is also asked to provide an update noting the outcome of the ongoing deliberations intended to consider the removal or revision of the Bachelor of Science degree for art majors (see Optional Response, p. 12). *Instructions for Preparing Curricular Tables in the NASAD Format* may be downloaded from the NASAD website at <https://nasad.arts-accredit.org> (see "Accreditation," beneath that "Accreditation Materials," beneath that "Procedures," and beneath that "New Curricula").

According to NASAD, these degrees must be differentiated from each other, if an institution is to offer both the BA and BS in Art (NASAD Handbook, Standard IV.A.2.a). As BP 4140 limits majors to 57 credit hours, WSC is unable to establish what NASAD defines as a “Professional Bachelor of Science” degree in Art, which requires 78 credits in the major area of study. As the BA and BS degrees cannot be made sufficiently distinct, and the BA is the more recognized degree for this field of study, WSC seeks to delete the BS degree in Art.

2. Centrality to Role and Mission

The BA in Art program and degree will remain available; the deletion of the BS option will not deprive students of opportunities to obtain a Bachelor’s degree in Art. Rather, the BA option is the more popular of the two as it is. The proposal received review and was passed by the Academic Policies Committee, which has faculty representation from all academic departments on campus.

WSC wishes to continue its programmatic accreditation with NASAD for the Art Comprehensive Major. Therefore, in order to address the concerns shared by NASAD while still continuing to offer the Art major within the academic policies established within Board Policy 4140, the elimination of the BS degree option makes the most sense for WSC.

3. Evidence of Need and Demand

Need and demand for a Bachelor-level program in Art may be met with the remaining BA in Art degree. As the BA is the more standard degree for the field of study, the BS has been declining in demand. Additionally, starting in 2017, the BA became the default degree option for all majors in the School of Arts and Humanities. Therefore, in the past 3 years, 16 of the 45 students graduating with a degree in Studio Art, Graphic Design, or Art Education have graduated with a BS degree; 29 have been BA (36% BS; 64% BA).

AY	BA degrees awarded	BS degrees awarded
2010-11	1	16
2011-12	1	13
2012-13		14
2013-14		17
2014-15	1	14
2015-16		16
2016-17		21
2017-18	10	6
2018-19	8	5
2019-20	11	5

Currently, 91 students are enrolled in the major. Of these, only 5 are enrolled in the BS degree; the remaining 86 are in the BA degree. These five students will be communicated with, and switched over to the BA degree. (Many may also be graduating in May 2021, before the elimination of the BS degree.)

4. Adequacy of Resources

All resources will remain unchanged, as the BS is a duplicate program and utilizes the same resources as the BA. The expectation is that the enrollments in the Art comprehensive degree program will remain consistent, with those students continuing to pursue the degree under the Bachelor of Arts requirements. The degree requirements specific to completing a Bachelor of Science degree at WSC is what will be removed as an option for all Art majors.

5. Avoidance of Unnecessary Duplication

According to NASAD, the BS is an instance of unnecessary duplication within the institution itself, and thus WSC seeks to delete the BS degree option.

6. Consistency with the Comprehensive Statewide Plan for Postsecondary Education

N/A. This is a deletion of an existing degree.