

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

Date: 12.1.2021

Department/Division: Lamar Dodd School of Art

School/College/Unit: School of Art/ Franklin College

Proposed Effective Date: 08/01/2022

### PROGRAM NAME CHANGES:

Current Program Name: Art: Interdisciplinary Art and Design - A.B.

Proposed Program Name: Art: Interdisciplinary Art – A.B.

### PREFIX CHANGES:

Current Prefix and Name: N/A

Proposed Prefix and Name: N/A

### JUSTIFICATION:

*Attach a justification and rationale for the requested changes, and include any relevant documentation. If this change is in response to an accreditation body, please include that language in the proposal.*

*NOTE: When the new name is effective, the old name will no longer be available and all students will be moved to the new program name.*

This program name change is in response to an accreditation body, the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). In a recent re-accreditation review, NASAD indicated that this program title has specific designations beyond the intent of the program, and by NASAD's definitions, indicated a scope beyond the current content of the program. From the NASAD Commissioners Report –

Noting the proposed title of the major of this degree program, the institution is reminded that the designation "Art and Design" indicates a double major and therefore the degree must comply with NASAD standards pertaining to essential competencies, experiences, and opportunities in both areas – art and design (see NASAD Handbook 2019-20, Standards for Accreditation VII.E. and VII.F.) It is therefore not clear that the degree meets NASAD standards regarding consistency between degree title and content, as it is unclear that sufficient time on task is required and sufficient to develop competencies in both areas of study (See NASADD Handbook 2019-20,

Standards for Accreditation II.1.1.g and II.1.2.c). The institution is asked to study this issue and either amend the a)title to reflect current content, or b) content to reflect the current title- regardless of the option chosen, the institution must demonstrate compliance with applicable standards.

The current requirements of the Art: Interdisciplinary Art and Design A.B. meet the standards for accreditation for a degree in the field of Art. It includes the option of integrating some coursework from the field of Design but does not meet the standards for accreditation as a degree in Design. Thus, the School of Art proposes to change the name of this degree to Art: Interdisciplinary Art A.B., to reflect the current content and to align with the NASAD accreditation standards and expectations for degree title.

#### **APPROVALS:**



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