Exciting new developments since you last joined us!
NEW SCHOOL!

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

- Art + Design, Music, and Theatre
- Retaining independence as department units but with dedicated governance structure allowing new pathways for collaboration
• Launch of a newly-created undergraduate student gallery space in DFAC 1910 ("Gallery 1910"). Upgrading is still in progress but the gallery is in full, active use throughout the year.

• Student work visible in 1st floor Art Wing and Passage Galleries as well

• Continuing success of our new Fashion Merchandising and Design program
The BA in Audio and Recording Technology and the new minor in Music Technology are active.


A new professional ensemble, *Camerata Sinfonettia*

The department has partnered with the Theatre Department in the creation and launch of the new concentration in Musical Theatre.

Once again, a season filled with an ensemble for every taste, from wind symphony to opera to jazz.
THEATRE (FORMERLY THEATRE ARTS)

• Modernization of the department’s name
• Launch of the new concentration in Musical Theatre, and a hire to support that area.
• Productions in progress:
  • THE MOUNTAINTOP By Katori Hall (October)
  • THE SECRET GARDEN Music/Lyrics by Marsha Norman & Lucy Simon (November)
NEW SCHOOL!

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS AND JOURNALISM

• Fmr. Communication Studies and Journalism depts. combined into a single academic unit.
• New avenues of collaboration already in progress, in Broadcast Journalism and WEIU TV/Radio
• Housed in Buzzard Hall, which is also home of *The Daily Eastern News* and WEIU TV and FM (“Hit-Mix”)
A new University Pre-Health Advisor - Mary “Sam” Laingen:

• Assisting students with career paths in several careers requiring post-graduate health professional degrees (medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, etc.)
• Assisting our Clinical Laboratory Science program
• Actively promoting student success, serving as liaison to administrators and professionals in the health fields, and maintaining and expanding affiliation agreements.
New faculty hires in Biochemistry and Physical Chemistry, bolstering curricular and laboratory coverage in those areas.
• Receiving recognition internationally for its curriculum: Professor invited to Ethiopia to help revamp its system of higher education.
ENGLISH

- A new internship agreement with the University of Illinois Press
- New hire in Creative Writing to support curriculum in that area
GEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY

• Near-finalization of an agreement with NIU to have an accelerated Geology B.S. degree (3 years) then acceptance to NIU's law program to end up with a law degree with a Geology background
  • These are correctly identified as Environmental Lawyers, although it will not say that specifically on the terminal degree
  • It will shave a year off the total amount of time/money to obtain both degrees
  • In addition, the Political Science, Journalism, and Philosophy departments have similar agreements, and NIU is interested in expanding to other disciplines.
New articulation agreements with
- College of DuPage, Geography – 2017
- College of Lake County, Geology and Geography versions – 2018
- Heartland Community College, Geology and Geography versions – 2019
- Joliet Community College, Geology and Geography versions – 2019
- Lincoln Land Community College, Geology and Geography versions – 2018
- Southwest IL College, Geology and Geography versions – 2018
- Waubonsee Community College, Geology and Geography versions - 2018
Social Science Teaching is now History with Teacher Licensure in Social Science:
- Still the same rigorous training in teaching methods, but with a streamlined path to licensure and endorsements in students' choice of social sciences.
- A new hire in the African-American and Latin-American areas
• A change to the math major so that it is one program and no longer has 2 options
• A new hire in Computer Science to bolster the curricular offerings there
• The Department has refashioned its BA curriculum to be a 30-hour, transfer/double-major-friendly degree program
• A new 39-hour option in Integrative Studies, of which 15 hours are outside the Department
• A new interdisciplinary minor in Ethics (18 hours), designed to integrate well with many majors
• New hires in Political Science to bolster the curricular offerings in American Politics, Government, and Public Policy.
Launch of the new Electrical Engineering program, accepting students for fall 2020
Near-completion of a donor-funded, state-of-the-art tutorial room, scheduled to be dedicated in November 2019
The department now hosts the State Academic Challenge (formerly WYSE), a prestigious competition. Formerly hosted by the University of Illinois
New hires to bolster curricular offerings in departmental areas such as Neuroscience
**SOCIIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY and CRIMINOLOGY**

- Criminology program has seen large influx of students in the past year
WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

- Formerly the Department of Foreign Languages
- Modernization of Department/Degree name and revision of curriculum
New Science Collaborations: iStem

• Brings together students from underrepresented groups in the STEM disciplines and faculty committed to encouraging and empowering these students.

• Faculty serve as mentors, and the group meets regularly to foster networking, social and professional engagement.
MEI: “Making Excellence Inclusive”

- A high-energy collective composed of faculty and staff from across campus
- Dedicated events throughout the year to nurture a more inclusive and welcoming community
On-Campus Celebrations and Commemorations

- Heritage months
  - Latin American – September *IN PROGRESS!*
  - African-American - February
  - Asian – April
- Dynamic speakers and colloquia, fun events, widely attended
- The 400\textsuperscript{th} — *IN PROGRESS!*
Our world-class arts facilities are constantly humming...

- Doudna Fine Arts Center  eiu.edu/doudna
  - Next premier event: CHURCHILL — A ONE-MAN PLAY (Nov)

- Tarble Arts Center  eiu.edu/tarble
  - Exhibit in progress: Nicolás Guagnini, *Twilight of the Idols* (until Dec 8)
  - Exhibit in progress: *In Conversation: Anne Vieux + Chris Kahler + Erin Rice + Morgan Calabrese* (until Oct 6)