

PROPOSAL FOR ACADEMIC UNIT NAME CHANGE

Date: 5/28/2025

Department/Division: Lamar Dodd School of Art

School/College/Unit: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Proposed Effective Date: January 2026

NAME CHANGE:

Current Name: Sculpture

Proposed Name: Sculpture and Technology

JUSTIFICATION:

The proposed renaming of the Sculpture area within the Lamar Dodd School of Art to "Sculpture and Technology" aims to more accurately reflect the program's evolving pedagogical approach and the integration of contemporary practices. This change acknowledges the increasing incorporation of digital tools and technological methodologies in sculptural education and creation, aligning the program with current artistic trends and industry standards.

Modern sculpture transcends traditional materials and techniques, embracing digital fabrication, interactive media, and computational design. Technologies such as 3D printing, laser cutting, and virtual reality are becoming integral to sculptural processes, enabling artists to explore new forms and concepts. By adopting the name "Sculpture and Technology," the program signals its commitment to preparing students for the contemporary art landscape, where technological proficiency complements creative expression.

We anticipate that the name change will help attract students interested in the intersection of art and technology, expanding the program's appeal and encourage interdisciplinary collaboration with departments such as engineering, computer science, and digital media. This change aligns with the Lamar Dodd School of Art's mission to provide forward-thinking, comprehensive art education that responds to the evolving dynamics of the art world.

APPROVALS:

This approval process is being initiated by the School of Art, additional approval will be documented as they happen.