

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

November 16, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Douglas Estry, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education
and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Dr. Linda O. Stanford, Associate Provost for Academic Services

RE: Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Bachelor of Arts Degree in
Classical Studies

For Transmittal to the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP)

The request referenced above is being sent to you for action by the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP).

UCAP Response Requested:

Please ask the UCAP to consider the request referenced above at its meeting on December 3, 2009. Please mail the related materials referenced under the heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to the members of the UCAP.

The request is to impose the moratorium effective Spring 2010 through Summer 2014.

The UCAP alone will consider this request and its recommendation will be sent to the Provost for final approval.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the attached materials, please call me at 5-8420.

Thank you for your help.

Attachments:

1. Request for a Moratorium form dated November 16, 2009; Bachelor of Arts Degree in Classical Studies and attachments.



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Joy Speas, RO	Monday, 11/16/2009	
Program Name: Classical Studies Degree: BA Sequence Number: 2	Program Request ID: 1614	
Effective Dates: Spring 2010 - Summer 2014 Status: Interim Initial Action: Moratorium		
Requested Date: 11/16/2009 1:48:41 PM		
1. Department/School/College:		
04746 Department of French, Classics, and Italian		
2. Name of Program:		
Classical Studies		
3. Name of Degree:		
BA		
4. Type of Program:		
5. Effective Start Semester:		
Spring 2010		
Reason for Moratorium Request:		
5. Background information:		
<p>(a) The Classical Studies major is being considered for disbandment. In the recent past, the undergraduate major in Classical Studies has had limited appeal for Michigan State University students. Since 2006, 16 students have completed a Classical Studies major; 5 of those were additional and 2 were second degree, rather than primary majors. The major has evolved over the last twenty years from one which was interdisciplinary, drawing on courses in a variety of disciplines (history, literature, history of art, etc) to a far more costly version requiring many specialized courses in Classical Studies. In the current economic climate, it is not possible to maintain the full range of specialized courses the major requires, especially in light of the low number of graduates.</p> <p>Currently there are 12 students who have identified an interest in the Classical Studies major; for 3 of these students Classical Studies is an additional, rather than primary, major and for 2 it is a second degree program, resulting in 7 primary majors. Six (6) students are seniors, 4 are juniors; there are no sophomores, and 2 are freshmen. Should the program be slated for disbandment, all juniors and seniors who have been making adequate progress toward degree and who wish to finish, will be allowed to do so. The two first-year students, will be advised regarding similar majors such as Interdisciplinary Humanities, in which they will be able to use all of the Classical Studies courses they have taken to date, and make Classical Studies one of their three program areas, if they so choose. No students should lose any time to degree as a result of moratorium or even disbandment.</p> <p>(b) Relationship to similar programs at MSU or other institutions: Classical Studies used to be Ancient Studies, an interdisciplinary, distributive major. Many courses exist in other departments (ENG 265: Classical Myths and Literature; ENG 477a: Comparative Epic Oral Tradition; PHL 210: Ancient Greek Philosophy PHL 410-Plato; PHL 411: Aristotle; HST: 205a:</p>		

The Ancient Mediterranean from 3000BCE to 400CE; HST 330-Ancient Greek History to 200 BCE; HST 331 Ancient Roman History 200BCE to 500CE, 419-Studies in Ancient History, 481-Seminar in Ancient History; ANP 203-Introduction to Archeology; ANP 264: Great Discoveries in Archeology; ANP 363: Rise of Civilization; HA 209: Ancient Art; HA 401: Greek Art and Archeology; HA 402: Roman Art and Archaeology; PLS 170: Introduction to Political Philosophy; PLS 371: Classical Political Philosophy; ROM 241: Literature of the Classical Tradition; etc) that would allow a student to do an Interdisciplinary Humanities major with emphases in three (3) of these areas. Students also may elect to complete Classical Studies majors at other Big 10 universities, and other public universities in Michigan (such as Grand Valley State University or Wayne State University)

(c) Expected enrollment/year over past 5 years: Program (as Ancient Studies) was previously in moratorium due to low enrollment (completions primary, second degrees & additional majors FY 2000-2004= 1, 1, 1, 1, 2) and re-opened as Classical Studies in 2006. Since then, the program has encountered a low enrollment to award completion ratio (Following is FY enrollment: degree completion of primary, second degree and additional degree students): FY06= 12:2; FY07=23:3; FY08=28:6; FY09=22:5 [FY10: 12 students; seniors=6] Source: UCC: <http://www.reg.msu.edu/UCC/UCC.asp> Student Enrollments by Program; Student Awards by Program

(d) Plan for evaluating the program & need for moratorium: The program is being studied for possible disbandment. Meetings have been conducted with the following individuals/groups: 10/28 Classics faculty, FCI Chair & Dean Wurst (Norris, Tyrell, Rauk); 11/4 Core Chairs & Directors & Dean Wurst; 11/5 College Advisory Council & Dean Wurst; 11/9 & 11/11 Meeting with CLA students, Assoc Dean Swenson & Dean Wurst; 11/10 & 11/11 Open College Faculty Meeting with Dean Wurst; 11/12 College Curriculum Committee; 12/3 CAC Open Faculty Meeting scheduled. In addition, commentary has been submitted from alumni, faculty members from other institutions, and from the general public. All of this data is in the process of being compiled and analyzed.

(e) Other information: (A) high cost of delivery of major (significantly more than average College cost/SCH); (B) ability to retain content and deliver to more students through alternative venue (e.g., IAH, as "AL" electives); (C) ability to complete an interdisciplinary humanities degree with an emphasis in classical studies

Effective End Term:

Summer 2014

Students who will be affected by the proposed change(s):

(a) 12 current student majors (anticipate 6 students will remain after spring 2010 graduation); (b) 5652 = (primary majors) 3 seniors; 2 juniors; no sophomores; 2 freshmen, 5654 = (second degree candidates) 2 seniors 5653 = (additional majors) 1 senior; 2 juniors (c) Any students who had planned to enter or transfer into the program (d) Students from a variety of majors who take CLA courses as electives

Suggested alternative major and major code for new admits:

Current and prospective students may find the following programs of interest: 0987 – Interdisciplinary Humanities (in which they can study classical literature, history, philosophy, history of art, etc.), or 0648 – English

DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: Department of French, Classics, and Italian

11/16/2009 1:52:31 PM by Theresa Walker for Anna Norris, Acting Chairperson

COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: College of Arts and Letters

11/16/2009 1:52:39 PM by Theresa Walker for Janet Swenson, Associate Dean

Student Enrollments By Program

Lvl	Program - Description	Span	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	Total
Arts and Letters - Continued													
<i>English - Continued</i>													
SPCU - Specialization Undergraduate													
UN	1022-Postcolonial&Diaspora Lit&Cul	US98-	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Total - English			2,159	2,160	2,153	2,025	1,879	1,816	1,770	1,754	1,729	1,713	19,158
French, Classics and Italian													
ADDU - Additional Major Undergraduate													
UN	5653-Classical Studies	SS06-	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	10	8	29
UN	0917-French	FQ68-	13	14	20	26	32	30	36	29	27	24	251
UN	0923-Latin	FQ68-US03	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
UN	0932-Spanish	FQ68-US03	31	30	70	99	44	0	0	0	0	0	274
BA - Bachelor of Arts													
UN	5652-Classical Studies	SS06-	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	11	14	11	43
UN	5654-Classical Studies - Second Degree	SS06-	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	4	3	13
UN	0916-French	FQ68-	45	39	53	61	67	58	57	62	59	62	563
UN	0918-French - Second Degree	FQ68-	11	30	37	30	29	31	26	36	36	25	291
UN	0922-Latin	FQ68-US03	1	0	0	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	11
UN	0924-Latin - Second Degree	FQ68-US03	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
UN	0931-Spanish	FQ68-US03	136	157	182	217	67	0	0	0	0	0	759
UN	0933-Spanish - Second Degree	FQ68-US03	40	47	62	67	38	0	0	0	0	0	254
MA - Master of Arts													
GR	1040-Applied Spanish Linguistics	FS01-US03	0	0	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
GR	0913-French	FQ68-	17	18	13	10	6	5	6	8	7	9	99
GR	0921-French-Secondary School Teach	FQ68-FS98	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
GR	1042-Hispanic Literatures	FS02-US03	0	0	0	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	18
GR	0928-Spanish	FQ68-US02	18	20	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
GR	0936-Spanish-Secondary School Teach	FQ68-SS01	4	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	13
MJEL - Teaching Mjr Elem Endorsement													
TE	0938-French	FQ68-	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	4	4	15
TE	0942-Spanish	FQ68-US03	3	4	5	6	6	4	1	1	0	0	30