

**MICHIGAN STATE
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November 15, 2013

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Dr. John Gaboury, Associate Provost for Academic Services

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

For Transmittal to the University Committee on Undergraduate
Education (UCUE)

The request referenced above is being sent to you for action by the University
Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE).

UCUE Response Requested:

Please ask the UCUE to consider the request referenced above and provide
consultative commentary. Please mail the related materials referenced under the
heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to UCUE members.

The request is for a moratorium effective Fall 2014 through Fall 2015.

The UCUE alone will consider this request and its consultative commentary will be sent
to the Provost for determination.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the attached materials, please
contact Joy Speas, University Curriculum Administrator, at 5-8420.

Thank you.

Attachments:

1. Request for a Moratorium form dated October 23, 2013; Bachelor of
Arts Degree in Geography and attachments.
2. Student Enrollments by Program; Student Awards by Programs (for the
request referenced above).

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View a Program		Main Menu
Joy Speas, RO	Wednesday, 10/23/2013	
Program Name: Geography Degree: BA Sequence Number: 2	Program Request ID: 2553	
Effective Dates: Fall 2014 - Fall 2015 Status: Interim Initial Action: Moratorium		
Requested Date: 10/23/2013 11:20:44 AM		
<p>1. Department/School/College: 38366 Department of Geography</p> <p>2. Name of Program: Geography</p> <p>3. Name of Degree: BA</p> <p>4. Type of Program:</p> <p>5. Effective Start Semester: Fall 2014</p> <p>Reason for Moratorium Request:</p> <p>Geography has undergone a thorough review of its majors, in light of the fact that our major counts are low. It is our goal to make our major more rigorous and more appealing to students, and as a result, enabling them to be better prepared to enter the workforce, or graduate school. We believe that the changes that we are recommending will accomplish these goals. We believe that by focusing on the human--societal aspects of this new major, this major will not only be more attractive to students, but will better train them for careers in the field. Upon university curricular approval, Geography BA will be replaced with BA Human Geography.</p> <p>Effective End Term: Fall 2015</p> <p>Students who will be affected by the proposed change(s):</p> <p>Undergraduate students at Michigan State University with interest in Geography. New undergraduate programs submitted to better focus students in academic goals - BA Human Geography and BS Environmental Geography</p> <p>Suggested alternative major and major code for new admits:</p> <p>New undergraduate programs submitted - BA Human Geography or BS Environmental Geography</p>		
DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS		
<p>Approved: Department of Geography 10/23/2013 2:20:17 PM by Judy Reginek for Alan F. Arbogast, Chairperson</p>		

COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: College of Social Science
10/23/2013 2:24:43 PM by Jeanne Kalin for Ethan Segal, Associate Dean

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Enrollments and Awards By Program Social Science

Program - Description	Span		FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	Total	10 yr Diff.
Geography														
ADDU - Additional Major Undergraduate														
7621 - Geographic Information Science	FS05-	Enrollments	0	0	1	3	3	3	5	4	5	6	30	6
		Awards	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	7	2
		%	0%	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	40%	25%	20%	33%	23%	33%
4349 - Geography	FQ68-	Enrollments	4	10	16	15	4	5	3	8	7	10	82	6
		Awards	1	0	4	10	1	2	0	2	0	4	24	3
		%	25%	0%	25%	67%	25%	40%	0%	25%	0%	40%	29%	15%
4337 - Landscape Architecture	FQ86-SS05	Enrollments												0
4565 - Urban and Regional Planning	FS92-SS05	Enrollments	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
→ BA - Bachelor of Arts														
4348 - Geography	FQ68-	Enrollments	37	39	42	40	34	43	37	28	28	19	347	-18
		Awards	11	7	9	8	7	9	8	7	9	3	78	-8
		%	30%	18%	21%	20%	21%	21%	22%	25%	32%	16%	22%	-14%
4350 - Geography - Second Degree	FQ68-	Enrollments	1	5	7	6	8	3	3	3	3	0	39	-1
		Awards	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
		%	0%	20%	14%	33%	0%	33%	0%	0%	33%	0%	15%	0%
BLA - Bachelor of Landscape Arch														
4336 - Landscape Architecture	FQ86-SS05	Enrollments	149	149	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	299	-149
		Awards	21	22	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	-21
		%	14%	15%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	15%
4338 - Landscape Architecture - Second Degree	FQ86-SS05	Enrollments	9	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	-9
		Awards	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-1
		%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%

Fiscal Year (FY) counts are distinct student counts within the Summer, Fall, and Spring terms.
e.g. FY07=distinct student count within Summer 06, Fall 06, and Spring 07.
If a student changed majors within the FY, he/she is counted under both majors.

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