

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

April 8, 2014

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 an Extension on the Moratorium on Admission to the
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Classical Studies

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 to extend the current moratorium which has been effective since Spring
2010 through Summer 2014.

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 Extension form dated April 8, 2014; Bachelor
of Arts Degree in Classical Studies 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	Tuesday, 4/8/2014	
Program Name: Classical Studies Degree: BA Sequence Number: 4	Program Request ID: 2170	
Effective Dates: Fall 2012 - Fall 2015 Status: Approved Initial Action: Moratorium		
Requested Date: 2/7/2012 3:31:40 PM		
1. Department/School/College:		
04746 Department of Romance and Classical Studies		
2. Name of Program:		
Classical Studies		
3. Name of Degree:		
BA		
4. Type of Program:		
5. Effective Start Semester:		
Fall 2012		
Reason for Moratorium Request:		
<p>5. Background information: (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. 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. (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: 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</p>		

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

Moratorium Extended:

Reason for Moratorium Extension: Background information for the moratorium on the Classical Studies BA: 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 graduate. Relationship to similar programs at MSU or other institutions: Classical Studies used to be Ancient Studies, an interdisciplinary, distributive major. Many courses have existed or currently exist in other departments that would allow a student to do an Interdisciplinary Humanities major with emphases in three (3) of these area.

Extension Term History: Summer 2014;

Extended by potter50 on 4/8/2014 10:28:36 AM

Been in moratorium since 5510.

Extended once

Effective End Term:

Fall 2015

→ 2nd Extension Request

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 Romance and Classical Studies
2/7/2012 3:32:20 PM by Joy Speas for Susan M. Gass, Acting Chairperson

Comments: Administratively handling the merger of the department effective Fall 2012.

COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: College of Arts and Letters
2/7/2012 3:32:32 PM by Joy Speas for Janet Swenson, Associate Dean

Comments: Administratively handling the merger of the department effective Fall 2012.

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Enrollments and Awards By Program Arts and Letters

Program - Description		Span	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	Total	10 yr Diff.
BA - Bachelor of Arts														
→ 5652 - Classical Studies	SS06-FS09	Enrollments	0	0	7	11	14	10	9	5	1	1	58	1
		Awards	0	0	1	2	3	3	3	3	0	0	15	0
		%	0%	0%	14%	18%	21%	30%	33%	60%	0%	0%	26%	0%
5654 - Classical Studies - Second Degree	SS06-FS09	Enrollments	0	0	2	4	3	2	2	0	0	0	13	0
		Awards	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
		%	0%	0%	0%	25%	33%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	23%	0%
0916 - French	FQ68-	Enrollments	67	58	57	62	59	62	53	48	40	40	546	-27
		Awards	16	14	8	12	9	14	17	8	10	5	113	-11
		%	24%	24%	14%	19%	15%	23%	32%	17%	25%	13%	21%	-11%
0918 - French - Second Degree	FQ68-	Enrollments	29	31	26	36	36	25	26	22	17	15	263	-14
		Awards	8	8	4	9	9	6	5	4	6	5	64	-3
		%	28%	26%	15%	25%	25%	24%	19%	18%	35%	33%	24%	6%
0922 - Latin	FQ68-US03	Enrollments	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	-4
		Awards	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-3
		%	75%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	67%	-75%
0924 - Latin - Second Degree	FQ68-US03	Enrollments	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-1
		Awards	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
		%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%
0931 - Spanish	FQ68-US03	Enrollments	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	-67
		Awards	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	-11
		%	16%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	16%	-16%
5726 - Spanish	FS12-	Enrollments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123	123	123
		Awards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18	18
		%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	15%	15%	15%

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.