

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

March 27, 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 to **Lift** the Moratorium on Admission to the Bachelor of  
Science Degree in Economics

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 lift the moratorium currently in effect Fall 2013 through Fall 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. Memorandum from Steve Kautz
2. Request for a Moratorium form dated March 14, 2013; Bachelor of  
Science Degree in Economics and attachments.
3. Student Enrollments by Program; Student Awards by Programs (for the  
request referenced above).

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March 28, 2014

TO: Joy Speas, Curriculum & Catalog

FROM: Steve Kautz, Associate Dean for College of Social Science



RE: Request to end Bachelors Science-Economics Moratorium

The College of Social Science would like to end the Moratorium on the Bachelors of Science in Economics early. It is currently due to end Fall 2014. We are requesting the moratorium end Spring 2014.



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Social Science**

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<b>View a Program</b>		<a href="#">Main Menu</a>
Joy Speas, RO	Thursday, 3/20/2014	
<b>Program Name: Economics</b> <b>Degree: BS Sequence Number: 4</b>	Program Request ID: 2415	
<b>Effective Dates: Fall 2013 - Fall 2014 Status: Approved Initial Action: Moratorium</b>		
<b>Requested Date:</b> 3/13/2013 4:31:40 PM		
<b>1. Department/School/College:</b>		
38238 .... Department of Economics		
<b>2. Name of Program:</b>		
Economics		
<b>3. Name of Degree:</b>		
BS		
<b>4. Type of Program:</b>		
Major		
<b>5. Effective Start Semester:</b>		
Fall 2013		
<b>Reason for Moratorium Request:</b>		
<p>The original reason for offering both a BA and a BS degree in economics was to provide a track (the BS degree) for majors who expressed an interest in graduate school, as the requirements for a BS degree included more (and higher level) mathematics courses than the requirements for the BA. However, the BS degree could be and often was completed without the appropriate math preparation for a PhD in economics. Also, the science courses required for the BS degree did not appreciably increase a student's ability to be admitted to and succeed in an economics PhD program. The department feels that a better approach would be to offer one economics degree (the BA), while providing individualized advice about additional mathematics courses to students with an expressed interest in and/or aptitude for graduate study in economics. The courses in economics required by the BA and BS were identical, so there will be no changes in the economics curriculum for future EC students. The consolidation into one degree program for the major will allow students to focus initially on economics courses, rather than having to choose at the outset which courses (i.e., degree program) to pair with them. They will then be able to view lists of suggested courses based on future graduate school or career goals.</p>		
<b>Effective End Term:</b>		
Fall 2014		
<b>Students who will be affected by the proposed change(s):</b>		
<p>Effects on students will be negligible. In recent years, 22% of EC majors have chosen the BS. Those currently enrolled in the EC BS programs (4731, 4732) will not be affected. Future EC majors will gain 12-20 elective credits with the proposed changes in the CSS requirements. Those credits can be used to take the natural science courses previously required by the BS. Advisors will suggest courses for students to take based on individual goals. There is no change to the required EC courses.</p>		

*Request for  
Moratorium  
Approved in 2013*

**Suggested alternative major and major code for new admits:**

Bachelor of Arts in Economics (4728), Additional Major in Economics (4729), 2nd Degree  
Bachelor of Arts in Economics (4730)

**DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS**

Approved: Department of Economics  
3/13/2013 4:32:40 PM by Carey Elder for Carl Davidson, Chairperson

Comments: Per CD

**COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS**

Approved: College of Social Science  
3/14/2013 9:20:30 AM by Michael Connelly for Thomas Summerhill, Associate Dean

Comments: per Dr Tom Summerhill

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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.
<i>Economics</i>														
<b>ADDU - Additional Major Undergraduate</b>														
4729 - Economics	SS02-	Enrollments	77	83	83	95	94	98	88	72	74	94	858	17
		Awards	14	16	16	16	15	19	18	17	11	20	162	6
		%	18%	19%	19%	17%	16%	19%	20%	24%	15%	21%	19%	3%
4734 - Policy and Applied Economics	SS02-SS04	Enrollments	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	-2
<b>BA - Bachelor of Arts</b>														
4728 - Economics	SS02-	Enrollments	425	465	554	661	739	698	689	712	783	959	6,685	534
		Awards	82	107	120	95	113	157	152	125	122	131	1,204	49
		%	19%	23%	22%	14%	15%	22%	22%	18%	16%	14%	18%	-6%
4730 - Economics - Second Degree	SS02-	Enrollments	35	43	51	53	39	49	46	42	37	34	429	-1
		Awards	5	8	11	15	11	8	10	9	11	7	95	2
		%	14%	19%	22%	28%	28%	16%	22%	21%	30%	21%	22%	6%
4733 - Policy and Applied Economics	SS02-SS04	Enrollments	20	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	-20
		Awards	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	-6
		%	30%	50%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	40%	-30%
4735 - Policy and Applied Economics - Second Degree	SS02-SS04	Enrollments	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	-2
		Awards	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
		%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	40%	0%
<b>BS - Bachelor of Science</b>														
4731 - Economics	SS02-US13	Enrollments	84	93	119	151	181	189	224	261	280	338	1,920	254
		Awards	8	7	11	19	16	15	21	33	23	33	186	25
		%	10%	8%	9%	13%	9%	8%	9%	13%	8%	10%	10%	0%

Fiscal Year (FY) counts are distinct student counts within the Summer, Fall, and Spring terms.  
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→ 4732 - Economics - Second Degree	SS02-US13	Enrollments	6	13	19	29	25	32	29	31	26	30	240	24	
		Awards	0	3	0	5	4	6	8	4	5	5	40	5	
		%	0%	23%	0%	17%	16%	19%	28%	13%	19%	17%	17%	17%	
<b>DUAL - Dual Major</b>															
9835 - Economics	SS02-	Enrollments	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	11	0	
		Awards	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
		%	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	18%	0%
<b>MA - Master of Arts</b>															
4736 - Economics	SS02-	Enrollments	21	22	16	23	15	11	9	5	37	42	201	21	
		Awards	16	19	14	23	13	10	9	5	13	8	130	-8	
		%	76%	86%	88%	100%	87%	91%	100%	100%	35%	19%	65%	-57%	
<b>MJSE - Teaching Major Sec Endorsement</b>															
4738 - Economics	SS02-US11	Enrollments	1	0	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	9	-1	
<b>MNEL - Teaching Mnr Elem Endorsement</b>															
4741 - Economics	SS02-SS02	Enrollments	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	
<b>MNSE - Teaching Minor Sec Endorsement</b>															
4740 - Economics	SS02-	Enrollments	4	6	8	9	8	6	4	10	18	15	88	11	
<b>MNUN - Minor Undergraduate</b>															
7688 - Economics	SS10-	Enrollments	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	188	277	347	881	347	
		Awards	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	56	105	196	105	
		%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	16%	20%	30%	22%	30%	
<b>PHD - Doctor of Philosophy</b>															
4737 - Economics	SS02-	Enrollments	38	47	74	82	82	79	84	83	71	67	707	29	
		Awards	0	0	0	1	8	10	10	9	11	8	57	8	
		%	0%	0%	0%	1%	10%	13%	12%	11%	15%	12%	8%	12%	

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