

**MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY**

January 27, 2015

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 Phase Out and Discontinue 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 the University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE) in accordance with the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*, 4.4.

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.

After receiving UCUE's consultative response, the Provost will make a determination to discontinue or not to discontinue this program. If the Provost determines that the program will be discontinued, the request will be forwarded to the University Committee on Curriculum for deletion of curriculum and degree requirements.

If you have any questions, please call Joy Speas, University Curriculum Administrator at 5-8420.

Thank you.

Attachments:

1. Request to Discontinue an Academic Program form dated December 23, 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	Monday, 1/5/2015	
Program Name: Classical Studies Degree: BA Sequence Number: 5	Program Request ID: 2903	
Effective Dates: Spring 2016 Status: Interim Initial Action: Deleted		
Requested Date: 12/22/2014 4:41:31 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:		
Spring 2016		
Effective End date:		
Spring 2016		
Will the proposed change(s) have a negative impact on students? If so, which ones?:		
No, there are currently no students enrolled in the Classical Studies BA.		
Describe impact and explain what accommodations will be made:		
There will be no impact.		
Reason(s) for change(s):		
<p>a. Background information for the discontinuation of the Classical Studies BA: The BA in Classical Studies was put in moratorium in spring 2010 as part of consideration for discontinuation. The moratorium was renewed in spring 2014 through fall 2015. (i) Since the undergraduate major in Classical Studies began in spring 2006 it has had limited appeal for Michigan State University students. From 2006 to the present 25 students have completed a Classical Studies major; 16 of those were primary, 6 were additional, and 3 were second degree majors (total degrees awarded 2006-2014: 2, 3, 6, 5, 4, 4, 0, 0, 1). The Classical Studies major was preceded by a major in Ancient Studies that was interdisciplinary, drawing on courses in a variety of disciplines (history, literature, history of art, etc.); it also had limited appeal to students (total degrees awarded 2001-2005: 1, 1, 1, 2, 1) and was discontinued in 2003. (ii) The Classical Studies major is a more costly version than Ancient Studies, requiring many specialized courses in Classical Studies. Latin, and Greek. Courses at the 300- and 400-levels in particular had low average enrollment. The average enrollment for courses at the 300-400 levels, excluding thesis and independent study, for the CLA, LTN, and GRK courses in the Classical Studies major from its inception in SS06 through FS09, the last semester before the moratorium took effect, is 8 overall, 3.33 for Latin courses, 2.4 for Greek courses. It was not possible to maintain the full range of these low-enrollment specialized courses required by the major, especially in light of the low number of graduates completing the BA program. b. Relationship to similar programs at MSU or other institutions: (i) Classical Studies at MSU used to be Ancient Studies, an interdisciplinary, distributive major. Because the Ancient Studies major had low enrollment it was discontinued in 2003. Classics faculty re-envisioned the program with a focus on CLA, LTN, and GRK courses as the Classical Studies major. (ii) Many courses currently exist in other departments that would, alongside some CLA, LTN, and GRK courses, allow a student to complete an Interdisciplinary Humanities major with a period study emphasis. A proposal for a minor in the area that would range over these courses is being prepared. (iii) Other Big Ten schools offer a major in Classical Studies, as do other universities in Michigan (University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Grand Valley State University). These schools also offer a minor in Classical Studies. Nearly all of these institutions have a distinct department for Classical Studies and their tenure system faculty range from a low of 5 (Purdue) to a high of 27 (University of Michigan), not including joint appointments. The MSU Classical Studies program has been embedded in a larger department and had 3 tenure-system faculty when it went into moratorium; there are now 1.5 tenure-system faculty. c. Enrollment per year averaged over the last five years: The FY10-FY14 average enrollment in the Classical Studies BA (including additional majors and second degree) is 4.4 (13, 6, 1, 1, 1); during this period the program was in moratorium. The enrollment per year averaged over the five years prior to the moratorium (FY06-FY10) is 19 (12, 23, 27, 20, 13) d. Description of consultation with students, faculty, other programs and units, and external stakeholders: Regarding the Classical Studies BA initial moratorium and possible discontinuation, meetings were conducted with the following individuals and groups: i) classics faculty (Tyrell, Rauk), French, Classics, and Italian Chair (Norris), and Dean Wurst; ii) Core Chairs and Directors and Dean Wurst; iii) College Advisory Council and Dean Wurst; iv) CLA students, Associate Dean Swenson, and Dean Wurst; v) Open College Faculty Meeting with Dean Wurst; vi) College Curriculum Committee; vii) College Advisory Council Open Faculty Meeting. In addition, commentary had been submitted from alumni, faculty members from other institutions, and from the general public. In spring semester 2013 Romance and Classical Studies Chair Olds met with some faculty from interested departments (Frey, Frilingos, Waltrell, Demetriou) to initiate work on creating a minor in the area. Regarding the filing of this discontinuation request in fall semester 2014, a) Romance and Classical Studies Chair Olds met separately with College of Arts and Letters Acting Dean Simmons and b) with Associate Dean Rauscher. Discussions about the effect the discontinuation would have on Latin and Greek language instruction as well as the possibility of providing students with a minor in Classical Studies area were held</p>		

by c) Olds and interested faculty from multiple departments (Demetriou, Frey, Frilingos, Graham, Nails, Rauk, Waltrell) and d) Olds, Rauscher, and interested faculty (Frey, Graham, Nails, Rauk, Waltrell), and e) by Rauscher and Nails. e. Other Information: (i) Language classes in Latin and Greek are unaffected by this program discontinuation and can continue to be taught as enrollment allows. Latin courses through the 200-level have regularly been taught and some modifications of other existing Latin courses will streamline the program. Working with the University of Michigan, RCS will soon return to offering regularly scheduled Greek classes through the CIC CourseShare program. (ii) Students will still have access to many Classical Studies, Latin, and Greek courses which can be offered as student demand warrants. Students also have the ability to obtain classical studies content through other courses (e.g. ENG 265: Classical Myths and Literature; ENG 324: Readings in Epic; PHL 210: Ancient Greek Philosophy; PHL 410: Socrates and Plato Seminar; PHL 411: Aristotle Seminar; 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; HST 419: Studies in Ancient History; HST 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 Archeology; PLS 371: Classical Political Philosophy, IAH 211a: The Ancient World). (iii) Students interested in classical studies as a major currently have the opportunity to complete an Interdisciplinary Humanities degree, using the Area or Period Studies option, with an emphasis on classical studies. This option allows students to earn a BA that focuses on Classics by taking CLA, LTN, GRK, and many of the courses in other departments previously mentioned. (iv) This discontinuation request should be seen as a step toward creating a sustainable program for the Classics at MSU. While in itself disappointing, approval of the request will allow RCS and interested faculty to focus efforts on the longer term success of Classical Studies, Latin, and Greek. RCS is preparing a new minor in Classical and Ancient Mediterranean Studies in order to revive and increase student interest in the Classics. Work on the Latin and Greek offerings mentioned in 6(e)(i) will support the new minor, which plans also to draw on a diverse range of faculty across several departments and will include courses such as those in 6(e)(iii). 7. Cooperating Departments/Schools/Colleges: Other departments offering courses used as electives for the Classical Studies BA: Art, Art History, and Design; History; and Philosophy. History is in the College of Social Sciences.

DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: Department of Romance and Classical Studies
12/23/2014 3:17:47 PM by Marshall Olds for Marshall Olds, Chairperson

COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved: College of Arts and Letters
12/23/2014 4:44:54 PM by Fred Rauscher for Fred Rauscher, Associate Dean

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

1. Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the **Bachelor of Arts** degree in **Classical Studies** in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies. The University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE) will provide consultative commentary to the Provost after considering this request. The Provost will make a determination after considering the consultative commentary from the University Committee on Undergraduate Education.

No new students are to be admitted to the program effective Spring 2010. No students are to be readmitted to the program effective Spring 2010. Effective Spring 2016, coding for the program will be discontinued and the program will no longer be available in the College of Arts and Letters. Students who have not met the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Classical Studies through the College of Arts and Letters prior to Spring 2016 will have to change their major.

~~CLASSICAL STUDIES~~

Classical Studies has natural linkages to many disciplines in the liberal arts including anthropology, history, linguistics, philosophy, religious studies, theatre, and the areas of late antiquity and pre-modern studies. Students who select this degree program will explore the many facets of the various cultures of late antiquity and the pre-modern world including religion, politics, law, languages, literatures, arts, architecture and intellectual life. They will become more intellectually aware and meaningfully engaged with their world.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Classical Studies

1. The University requirements for bachelor's degrees as described in the *Undergraduate Education* section of this catalog, 120 credits, including general elective credits, are required for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Classical Studies.
 The University's Tier II writing requirement for the Classical Studies major is met by completing any two of the following courses: Classical Studies 333, 360, 400, 412, 460, Greek 302, 304, 311, 321, 406, 408, 411, 421, or Latin 306, 308, 311, 321, 406, 408, 411 or 421. Those courses are referenced in item 3. a. below.
2. The requirements of the College of Arts and Letters for the Bachelor of Arts degree.
 The completion of Greek 304 or 321, or Latin 204, 221, or 224 satisfies the College's requirement of second-year competency in a foreign language.
3. The following requirements for the major:

CREDITS

- a. One of the following concentrations:

Classical Civilization and Culture (24 to 26 credits):

- (1) Four of the following courses (12 credits):
 - CLA 140 Greek and Roman Mythology 3
 - CLA 190 Introduction to Classics 3
 - CLA 201 The Greek and Roman World in Film 3
 - CLA 309 Greek Civilization 3
 - CLA 310 Roman Civilization 3
 - CLA 333 Roman Law (W) 3
 - CLA 360 Ancient Novel in English Translation (W) 3
 - CLA 491 Topics in Classical Studies 3
- (2) Three of the following courses (9 to 11 credits):
 - HA 401 Greek art and Archaeology 3
 - HA 402 Roman Art and Archaeology 3
 - HST 330 Ancient History to 200 BCE 3
 - HST 331 Ancient Roman History 200 BCE to 500 BCE 3
 - HST 419 Studies in Ancient History 3
 - HST 481 Seminar in Ancient History (W) 3
 - PHL 210 Ancient Greek Philosophy 3
 - PHL 410 Plato 4
 - PHL 411 Aristotle 4
- (3) One of the following courses (3 credits):
 - CLA 400 Senior Seminar: Women in Ancient Greece and Rome (W) 3
 - CLA 412 Senior Seminar: Greek and Roman Religion (W) 3
 - CLA 460 Senior Seminar: Love and Desire in the Ancient World (W) 3

Classical Languages and Literature (24 credits):

Complete either a total of 18 credits in Latin and 6 credits in Greek; or 12 credits in Latin and 12 credits in Greek selected from the following courses:

- GRK 302 Homer and Greek Epic Poetry (W) 3
- GRK 304 Plato and the Sophists (W) 3
- GRK 311 Greek Lyric Poetry and the Ionian World (W) 3
- GRK 321 Lysias and Attic Oratory (W) 3
- GRK 406 Senior Seminar: Aristophanes and Euripides (W) 3
- GRK 408 Senior Seminar: Thucydides and the Fall of Athens (W) 3
- GRK 411 Senior Seminar: Herodotus and Greek Historiography (W) 3
- GRK 421 Senior Seminar: Sophocles (W) 3
- LTN 206 Nepos and Latin Prose 3
- LTN 208 Catullus and Lucretius 3
- LTN 211 Livy and Roman Historiography 3
- LTN 221 Virgil and Latin Poetry 3
- LTN 306 The Works of Cicero (W) 3
- LTN 308 Roman Comedy (W) 3
- LTN 311 Augustine and His Age (W) 3
- LTN 321 The Works of Ovid (W) 3
- LTN 406 Senior Seminar: Tacitus (W) 3
- LTN 408 Senior Seminar: Virgil (W) 3
- LTN 411 Senior Seminar: Petronius and Apuleius (W) 3
- LTN 421 Senior Seminar: Horace (W) 3

- b. Capstone experience. Students with a concentration in Classical Civilization and Culture will satisfy the capstone requirement by

completing 1 credit in CLA 499 Senior Thesis, taken concurrently with a Classical Studies Seminar. Students with a concentration in Classical Languages and Literature will satisfy the capstone requirement by completing 1 credit in Latin 499 Senior Thesis or Greek 499 Senior Thesis, taken concurrently with a Latin or Greek senior seminar.

- c. **Electives.** Complete an additional 9 to 12 credits in any of the following disciplines: anthropology, classical studies, Greek, history, history of art, Latin, linguistics, philosophy, or theatre. The course work must be at the 300-400 level and approved by the student's academic advisor as needed to meet the requirement of at least 34 but not more than 40 credits in courses in the major.

Enrollments and Awards By Program Arts and Letters

Program - Description		Span	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	Total	10 yr Diff.	
MNUN - Minor Undergraduate															
5702 - Religion in the Americas		FS09-	Enrollments	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	2	9	2
			Awards	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1
			%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	50%	22%	50%	
5693 - Religious Studies		FS09-	Enrollments	0	0	0	0	0	27	49	50	61	66	253	66
			Awards	0	0	0	0	0	5	15	17	15	20	72	20
			%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	19%	31%	34%	25%	30%	28%	30%
<i>Romance and Classical Studies</i>															
ADDU - Additional Major Undergraduate															
5653 - Classical Studies		SS06-FS09	Enrollments	0	3	8	10	8	2	1	0	0	0	32	0
			Awards	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	6	0
			%	0%	33%	0%	20%	25%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	19%	0%
0917 - French		FQ68-	Enrollments	30	36	29	27	24	24	26	23	25	26	270	-4
			Awards	0	3	2	4	1	2	5	3	3	5	28	5
			%	0%	8%	7%	15%	4%	8%	19%	13%	12%	19%	10%	19%
0923 - Latin		FQ68-US03	Enrollments	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
5727 - Spanish		FS12-	Enrollments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	97	178	97
			Awards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	20	10
			%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	12%	10%	11%	10%
BA - Bachelor of Arts															
5652 - Classical Studies		SS06-FS09	Enrollments	0	7	11	14	10	9	5	1	1	1	59	1
			Awards	0	1	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	1	16	1
			%	0%	14%	18%	21%	30%	33%	60%	0%	0%	100%	27%	100%
5654 - Classical Studies - Second Degree		SS06-FS09	Enrollments	0	2	4	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	13	0
			Awards	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0
			%	0%	0%	25%	33%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%	23%	0%

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.

6/9/2014