

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

November 25, 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
and Enrollment Management

RE: Request for an Extension on the 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 to extend the current moratorium through Summer 2016, which has been
effective since 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. Request for a Moratorium Extension form dated October 30, 2015;
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, 11/4/2015	
Program Name: Geography Degree: BA Sequence Number: 2	Program Request ID: 2553	
Effective Dates: Fall 2014 - Summer 2016 Status: Approved Initial Action: Moratorium		
Requested Date: 10/23/2013 11:20:43 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: 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>Moratorium Extended: Reason for Moratorium Extension: Several students have not finished their requirements under this degree program, and the extension ensures that all remaining students will be able to do so. Extension Term History: Fall 2015; Summer 2016; Extended by connel67 on 10/23/2015 12:34:10 PM Extended by schnake2 on 10/30/2015 4:26:47 PM</p> <p>Effective End Term: Summer 2016</p> <p>Students who will be affected by the proposed change(s): 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: New undergraduate programs submitted - BA Human Geography or BS Environmental Geography</p>		
<p>DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS</p> <p>Approved: Department of Geography 10/23/2013 2:20:17 PM by Judy Reginek for Alan F. Arbogast, Chairperson</p>		
<p>COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS</p> <p>Approved: College of Social Science 10/23/2013 2:24:42 PM by Jeanne Kalin for Ethan Segal, Associate Dean</p>		

Speas, Joy

From: Gary Schnakenberg <schnake2@msu.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 2:19 PM
To: Speas, Joy
Subject: Moratorium extension followup

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Hello Joy-

On Friday, I made a request via the Online Forms Menu to extend the moratorium for our old BA and BS programs in Geography into Summer 2016. This was done because we have several remaining students planning to finish in the Spring, and Mike Connelly suggested that we push it out to summer in case someone runs into a problem in the Spring.

After I did that, Steve Kautz contacted me, suggesting I put the actual number of students in the form. As I had already submitted it, I could not go back and do so. Mike C suggested that I just email you with that info, and you could edit that for us if necessary. Currently we have five students planning to finish the BA and one student planning to finish the BS in the Spring of 2016.

Best,

Gary

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Enrollments and Awards By Program

Social Science

Program - Description	Span	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	Total	10 Yr Diff.
Geography													
ADDU - Additional Major Undergraduate													
7733 - Environmental Geography	FS14-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
	Enrollments												
7621 - Geographic Information Science	FS05-	1	3	3	3	5	4	5	6	4	3	37	2
	Enrollments												
	Awards	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	10	2
	%	0%	33%	0%	0%	40%	25%	20%	33%	25%	67%	27%	67%
4349 - Geography	FQ68-US14	16	15	4	5	3	8	7	10	7	3	78	-13
	Enrollments												
	Awards	4	10	1	2	0	2	0	4	2	1	26	-3
	%	25%	67%	25%	40%	0%	25%	0%	40%	29%	33%	33%	8%
7730 - Human Geography	FS14-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4
	Enrollments												
BA - Bachelor of Arts													
4348 - Geography													
	Enrollments	42	40	34	43	37	28	28	19	23	13	307	-29
	Awards	9	8	7	9	8	7	9	3	3	3	66	-6
	%	21%	20%	21%	21%	22%	25%	32%	16%	13%	23%	21%	2%
4350 - Geography - Second Degree													
	Enrollments	7	6	8	3	3	3	3	0	3	3	39	-4
	Awards	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	-1
	%	14%	33%	0%	33%	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%	13%	-14%
7729 - Human Geography													
	Enrollments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	15
7731 - Human Geography - Second Degree													
	Enrollments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
BLA - Bachelor of Landscape Arch													
4336 - Landscape Architecture													
	Enrollments	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
	Awards	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
	%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	-100%
4338 - Landscape Architecture - Second Degree													
	Awards	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1