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Dr. Vernon Polite, Dean
College of Education
Eastern Michigan University
310 Porter Building
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Dear Dr. Polite:

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to inform you that Eastern Michigan University's application for a program to prepare teachers of Economics (CA) has been approved. This program may be offered as a major or as a minor for secondary teaching certificates.

The program is subject to continuing approval based on a new schedule that is currently in development; you will be notified when review procedures and timelines are in place. During the next periodic review cycle, all program reapprovals will be based on outcome measures selected to demonstrate that the program has prepared well-qualified teachers. Your institution is encouraged to begin collecting outcome data that is aligned with the teacher preparation program standards approved by the State Board of Education for each specialty area.

Should you have questions regarding this approval or other aspects of this program, please contact Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Professional Preparation and Development Unit, at 517/335-0874, or Sue Wittick at 517/241-0172.

Sincerely,

Flora L. Jenkins, Ph.D.
Director
Office of Professional Preparation Services

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Enclosure

cc: Shawn Quilter
Catherine Smith

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Initial Approval of Specialty Program

Recommendations from Review Panel Regarding Programs to Prepare Teachers of Economics (CA)

August 13, 2007

Institution: Eastern Michigan University					
Program Level	Major (# Credits)	Minor (# Credits)	Group Major (# Credits)	Group Minor (# Credits)	Endorsement Only (# Credits)
Elementary					
Secondary	36	27			
K-12					
Source of Standards/Guidelines: Michigan State Board of Education				Pub. Date: January 10, 2002	
Program Assessment Summary/Recommendation					
X	Meets all standards and requirements	Not all standards and requirements are met	Insufficient documentation for program review		
X	Approval	Program is not Approvable as Presented			
Standards/requirements not met:					
Additional information needed/action to be taken:					
<p>Comments: Overall, a thoughtful and well-written submission.</p> <p>Standards 1.1 and 1.2 require an examination of personal finance and consumer economics from a practical as well as a theoretical approach. The K-12 Grade Level Content Expectations (drafted and waiting for State Board approval) are expected to give even greater emphasis to personal finance. The institution might consider making the consumer economics course a requirement instead of an elective.</p>					