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Department	
Program	Liberal Studies
Reporting for Academic Year	18-19
Last 5-Year Review	2011-12
Next 5-Year Review	2019-20
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III. Discussion of Program Data and Resource Requests

A. Discussion of Trends and Reflections

Liberal studies enrollments continue to be fairly high, with 347 Liberal Studies majors enrolled in classes during Fall 2019. This number is up from previous years.

Spring 2019:

Seniors: 156

Fall 2019:

Fresh: 34

Soph: 30

Juniors: 125

Seniors: 155

The largest Liberal Studies concentrations are Liberal Arts

Liberal Arts: 193
Early Childhood Education: 40
Early Childhood Development: 20
Educational Psych: 6
Foundational Math: 1
Foundational Science: 1

Long term program goals include submitting the Multiple Subjects CSET Waiver to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The effects of waiver approval would be twofold. First, the waiver would enable Liberal Studies majors with the Teaching Preparation concentration to apply for credentialing programs without taking three MS CSET exams. Second, the presence of the waiver would encourage more undergraduate students to select the Liberal Studies major with the Teacher Preparation concentration; this would lead to growth in the department.

B. Request for Resources

The Liberal Studies program needs to hire a full-time, tenure-track faculty member in order to meet the needs of our large number of students. In particular, a dedicated faculty member is needed coordinate the program's administrative functions, including outreach, scheduling, assessment, and supervising advisors. Significantly, Liberal Studies needs a long-term faculty member who can work to develop large-scale program goals, including the Multiple Subjects waiver program. This faculty member would also be able to teach the two in-program classes:

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