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James D. Fielder, Jr., Ph. D. Secretary

January 7, 2020

Dr. Wallace D. Loh President University of Maryland 1101 Main Administration Building College Park, MD 20742-5025

Dear Dr. Loh:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed a request from University of Maryland to offer a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Religions of the Ancient Middle East.

I am pleased to inform you that the program proposal is approved. This decision is based on an analysis of the program proposal in conjunction with the law and regulations governing academic program approval, in particular Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13B.02.03. As required by COMAR, the Commission circulated the proposal to the Maryland higher education community for comment and objection; no objections were received during the 30-day circulation period. The program meets COMAR's requirements and demonstrates potential for success, an essential factor in making this decision.

For the purposes of providing enrollment and degree data to the Commission, please use the following HEGIS and CIP codes:

Program title	Award level	HEGIS	CIP
Religions of the Ancient Middle East	B.A.	1510.00	38.0201

Should University of Maryland desire to make a substantial modification to the program in the future, review by the Commission will be necessary. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Dr. James D. Fielder

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