

History, Undergraduate Program, Glendon College, York University

Cyclical Program Review – 2006 - 2013

Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan

Reported to Joint-Committee on Quality Assurance: March 17, 2015

Program Description

The History program at Glendon College of York University aims to give students the opportunity to explore the human experience in different times and places, at the same time helping them to master research, critical reading, thinking and writing skills in both of Canada’s official languages. Students look at past events of various countries and regions from different perspectives, trying to connect those events in meaningful ways. Because understanding is a pre-condition for purposeful action, it is necessary for students to grasp how politics, society, culture, and economics have developed and changed throughout history in order to make sense of our contemporary world.

History offers the following degree types and certificates: Specialized Honours BA/iBA, Honours BA/iBA, Honours Double Major BA/iBA, Honours Major/Minor BA/iBA, Combined Honours BA, Combined Honours Major/Minor iBA, Bachelor of Arts.

Program	Accepts 2013	Enrolment FTES 2013	Degrees Awarded 2013
BA – Major 1, Major 2, Minor - 135	27	85	BA Hon – 13; BA – 6

Reviewers appointed by the Vice-Provost Academic:

- Dr. Dominique Marshall, Department of History, Carleton University (External)
- Dr. Pamela Radcliff, Department of History, University of California, San Diego (External)
- Dr. Roberta Iannacito-Provenzano, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University, Languages (Internal)

Site Visit: February 6-7, 2015

The reviewers met with Alice Pitt, Vice-Provost Academic, Barbara Crow, Interim Dean and AVP Graduate Studies, Kenneth McRoberts, Principal, Glendon College, Patricia Wood, Associate Dean, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, Marcel Martel, Chair, Department for History, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, Gillian McGillivay, Chair, Department of History, Glendon College, Myra Rutherford, Undergraduate Program Director, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies and William Jenkins, Graduate Program Director. The reviewers had the opportunity to meet with full-time and contract faculty members, undergraduate and graduate students and staff from both the Keele and Glendon campuses.

Outcome: The Joint-Committee on Quality Assurance requested a meeting with representatives of the undergraduate history programs offered at the Keele and Glendon campuses, as well as with the Vice Dean of LAPS, the Principal of Glendon to further explore opportunities for collaboration. The meeting was held on May 15, 2015. A follow-up report



from the graduate and undergraduate programs will be due in November 2016 to outline progress made towards the recommendations and plan development noted in this Final Assessment Report.

Executive Summary

Glendon's History program is a small but dynamic unit that the review report describes as a "hub of research, teaching and service" with well-informed experimentation. It is well-aligned with the College mission to provide bilingual and bicultural education within a liberal arts tradition. Small classes are appreciated by students, and faculty members are available for one-on-one discussions; student satisfaction is strong with over 80% rating the program excellent, very good or good." The History program at Glendon requires a long range and flexible plan to identify faculty complement priorities. The Principal's Implementation Plan addresses the recommendations found in the review report as well as the unit's response to it including the issue of faculty complement, the participation in graduate level teaching and supervision, the importance of courses taught in French and space management.

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