

History, Undergraduate and Graduate Programs, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies

Cyclical Program Review – 2006 - 2013

Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan

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

Program Description

The Undergraduate Program in History (Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies) was established by the Senate of York University on July 1, 2009 following the amalgamation of the Undergraduate Program in History (Faculty of Arts) and the Undergraduate Program in History (Atkinson’s School of Liberal and Professional Studies) as part of the creation of the new Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies. This is the first review of that new unit.

Degree options include Specialized Honours BA, the Honours BA or International BA (IBA), the Honours double major or major/minor in the BA or IBA and the Honours minor. There is also a BA option for students.

Program	Accepts 2013	Enrolment FTES 2013	Degrees Awarded 2013
Majors (1/2) and Minors 20131020	168	718	155 (Hon) 90 (BA)
MA	30	34	20
PhD	13	69	10

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

The LAPS History Department ranks in the top 3 nationally and in the mid-30's internationally. Faculty members are very productive scholars with strong external funding records, and they garner many significant awards and recognitions. There is a strong research culture supported by a research seminar series and annual appointment of a faculty member with responsibility for research matters. In addition to faculty complement renewal, the program identified areas for enhancement of the quality of the program and conditions for maintaining its research productivity. Specific recommendations from the Dean's implementation plan were grouped under three headings: enrolments/majors, curriculum and faculty complement.

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