

French Studies/Études françaises, Undergraduate and Graduate, Glendon

Cyclical Program Review – 2004 – 2012

Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan_Executive Summary

Reported to Joint-Committee on Quality Assurance: April 15, 2015

Program description:

French Studies has been offered Glendon since its creation as a Faculty of York in 1966. At the undergraduate level degree options for French Studies include a BA program or a bilingual or trilingual International BA (IBA) program. Both the IBA and BA offer the following options: Specialized Honours BA/IBA, Honours BA/IBA and BA/IBA with options in the honours programs for a double major or a minor in French Studies. The Department also offers a large number of French as A Second Language courses to support the bilingual requirement of the College. As of 2012(?) these courses are offered by the Centre of Excellence for French as a Second Language.

The MA program in Études françaises was established in 1995 and is housed primarily at the Glendon campus of York University. Initially developed to serve primarily part-time students, the program offers courses in the evening and on weekends as well as during the week days. Today most students study full-time. Two fields, literature and linguistics, are offered. A course only option for the MA was begun in 1999. In 2010 a PhD program in Études francophone was established but was not under review at this time.

Program	Accepts 2013	Enrolment FTES 2013	Degrees Awarded 2013
BA (UG) – Major 1, 2 and minor - 600	150	374	21 Hon BA; 14 BA; 168 Certificates
MA – 19	6	14	8
PHD - 15	6	11	

Reviewers appointed by the Vice-Provost Academic:

François Paré, Professor, Department of French Studies, University of Waterloo
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Site Visit: January 30-February 1, 2013

Outcome: The Joint-Committee on Quality Assurance concluded that the Decanal response adequately addressed the review recommendations. Follow-up report due **October 2016.**



Summary:

The French Department is the largest department at Glendon with nearly 17% of undergraduate majors, the largest graduate program at Glendon (with Keele) and faculty members actively engaged in research. It offers a diverse curriculum in the areas of language, literature and linguistic at the graduate and undergraduate levels with an impressive array of original courses and, at the undergraduate level, study abroad opportunities. Many of the recommendations in the review report have already made good progress towards implementation. The establishment of the *Centre de formation linguistique pour les Études en français*, along with the recent establishment of a PhD program (with Keele) will allow the Department to focus more assertively on Francophone and non-Francophone students specializing in French Studies at graduate and undergraduate levels. Enhanced communication between the Centre and the Department and with the Office of the Principal will support the development of the mandates of each and establish conditions for future collaboration, particularly in terms of the involvement of graduate students in research and teaching opportunities at the Centre. An emphasis on opportunities to enhance the program's visibility and sustainability by way of deepened coordination and collaboration with Keele has been embraced as key to the realization of the potential of French Studies at York in general and at Glendon to increase the number of its majors and enhance the reputation of its offerings at the undergraduate as well as graduate levels. There are opportunities to increase the number of majors at Glendon, to raise the visibility of French Studies at York University, and to realize more fully the potential of the distinctiveness of a graduate program that now includes a PhD.

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