

SOCIOLOGY – Undergraduate and Graduate

(Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies and Faculty of Graduate Studies)

Cyclical Program Review

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Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan_Executive Summary

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

Program description:

Sociology is one of the subjects taught at York University since its inception in 1959. Three Sociology departments existed through to 2009, one at Glendon College (a separate review was done of this program), one at the Faculty of Arts and one at Atkinson College, an evening college with programs designed to support mature and part-time students. In 2009 the Faculty of Arts and Atkinson College merged to form the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies; the two Sociology departments on the Keele campus became one unit. This is the first review of that new unit.

Sociology courses may be taken towards a BA and Honours BA degrees, with specialized honours, honours double major, double major interdisciplinary (linked), honours major minor and minor options.

The graduate program in Sociology, which is support by faculty members from both the Keele and Glendon programs, offers MA and PhD programs, with fields identified as Critical Social Theory; Culture and Identities; Global Sociology; Nature/Society/Culture and Processes, Practices and Power.

Program	Accepts 2013	Enrolment FTES 2013	Degrees Awarded 2013
Undergraduate (M1,M2, Minor)	500	2249	BA Hon: 259; BA 254
MA	16	22	16
PhD	12	54	9

Reviewers appointed by the Vice-Provost Academic:

Arnaud Sales, Emeritus Professor, Université de Montréal, Département de sociologie
 Douglas Baer, Professor, Victoria University, Sociology Department
 Bettina Bradbury, Professor, York University, Department of History and School of Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies and Glendon College, York University

Site Visit: March 20-22, 2013

Reviewers met with Alice Pitt, Vice-Provost, Academic, Kim Michasiw, Vice-Dean, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (LAPS), Barbara Crow, Interim Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Nancy Mandell, Chair of Sociology, LAPS, Kathy Bischooping, Graduate Program Director, Larry Lam, Undergraduate Program Director, York University librarians, faculty members from the graduate programs, doctoral and MA students and undergraduate students.

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 Department of Sociology in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies is one of the largest in Canada and it draws part of its strength from the much smaller bilingual program at Glendon. As a result of these combined strengths, which are grounded in research profiles of faculty as well as program design, York's international reputation in Sociology is deemed to be strong. The Review Committee provided separate Reports for the undergraduate and graduate programs, each grounded in a fulsome discussion of issues affecting Sociology as a discipline and under debate in university departments in Ontario and Canada. In places, a comparative perspective provides a sense of how other departments have addressed similar issues or challenges; in other places, it points to York's distinctiveness and opportunities to enhance it. The graduate and undergraduate programs provided fulsome responses to the review reports, identifying many areas where actions have already been undertaken and suggestions they plan to consider more fully. The Dean's Office has provided an implementation plan that outlines actions to be taken, identifies participants, and indicates timelines.

Alice J Pitt, Vice-Provost Academic
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