

# BA Social Sciences

## Undergraduate Review

### Year 1 (2021) - FAR Implementation Report

(reviewed 2019/20)

#### Recommendation #1

The current methods class is an important component of the program and should be retained.

#### ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted. The Committee believes the program is best-positioned to determine the frequency of the course offering.

#### Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)

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| Responsible for approving:      | Department  |
| Responsible for resources:      | Department  |
| Responsible for implementation: | Department  |
| Timeline:                       | Dean of Social Sciences to report by the end of academic year 2020/21 |

| Actions                                | Responsibility | Year One* | Year Two | Year Three |
|--|----------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Action #1<br>Course has been retained. | Department     | C         |          |            |

#### Comments 2021:

The course has been retained. It may be offered annually, if the program committee concurs.

#### Recommendation #2

A curriculum committee for the BA Social Sciences should be established.

#### ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and in the process of implementation.

#### Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)

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| Responsible for approving:      | Program   |
| Responsible for resources:      | Program   |
| Responsible for implementation: | Program   |
| Timeline:                       | Dean of Social Sciences to report by the end of |

\*On Target (T), Delayed (D), Complete (C), Complete and Ongoing (O)

academic year 2020/21

| Actions   | Responsibility | Year One* | Year Two | Year Three |
|---|----------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Action #1<br>A program committee will be formed following the spring 2021 Faculty of Social Sciences retreat. | Department     | T         |          |            |

**Comments 2021:**

A program committee will be formed following the spring 2021 Faculty of Social Sciences retreat.

**Recommendation #3**

Explore possibility of a capstone course

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**

ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted for consideration.

**Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)**

Responsible for approving: Program

Responsible for resources: Program

Responsible for implementation: Program

Timeline: Dean of Social Sciences to report by the end of academic year 2020/21

| Actions   | Responsibility | Year One* | Year Two | Year Three |
|---|----------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Action #1<br>The program committee will explore capstone course options in spring 2021. | Department     | T         |          |            |

**Comments 2021:**

The program committee will explore capstone course options in spring 2021.

**Recommendation #4**

Better communications about the program and its structure to both faculty and students, including the creation of a website and information materials

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**

ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and already in the process of implementation.

**Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)**

Responsible for approving: Program  
 Responsible for resources: Program  
 Responsible for implementation: Program  
 Timeline: Dean of Social Sciences to report by the end of academic year 2020/21

| Actions   | Responsibility | Year One* | Year Two | Year Three |
|---|----------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Action #1<br>Communications, website and information materials have been updated and modified | Department     | 0         |          |            |

**Comments 2021:**

Communications, website and information materials have been updated and modified, both in response to COVID-19 and in anticipation of future needs. We view this item as ongoing and iterative, so will modify as needed moving forward.

**Recommendation #5**

Promote the BA Social Sciences as a unique entry point into Brock University.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**

ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and already in the process of implementation.

**Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)**

Responsible for approving: Program  
 Responsible for resources: Program  
 Responsible for implementation: Program  
 Timeline: Dean of Social Sciences to report by the end of academic year 2020/21

| Actions   | Responsibility | Year One* | Year Two | Year Three |
|---|----------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Action #1<br>We have integrated this pathway into our recruitment materials | Department     | C         |          |            |

**Comments 2021:**

This recommendation flows from recommendation #4 (above), and we have integrated this pathway into our recruitment materials.

**Recommendation #6**

Work to create a richer “cohort” experience for the BA Social Sciences.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**

ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted for consideration.

**Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)**

Responsible for approving: Program  
 Responsible for resources: Program  
 Responsible for implementation: Program  
 Timeline: Dean of Social Sciences to report by the end of academic year 2020/21

| Actions  | Responsibility | Year One* | Year Two | Year Three |
|--|----------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Action #1<br>We continue to explore potential cohort enhancing options | Department     | T         |          |            |

**Comments 2021:**

We continue to explore potential cohort enhancing options, such as piloting a meet and greet and encouraging a potential student association with representation on the program committee.