

BA Social Sciences

Undergraduate Review

Year 2 (2022) - 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 (1st Priority)

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 Course has been retained.	Department	C		

Comments 2021:

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

Comments 2022:

Same as above.

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

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 (1st 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 A program committee will be formed following the Spring 2021 Faculty of Social Sciences retreat.	Department	T	C	

Comments 2021:

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

Comments 2022:

Expressions of interest were sought in the Fall term 2021 and early Winter term 2022. A program committee was convened in March 2022, and an interim director was selected. The BA Social Sciences will move to having a permanent program director and program committee in July 2022.

Recommendation #3

Explore possibility of a capstone course.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted for consideration.

Implementation Plan (1st 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 The program committee will explore capstone course options in spring 2021.	Department	T	T	

Comments 2021:

The program committee will explore capstone course options.

Comments 2022:

Following a process to establish the BA Social Sciences with an interim director and program committee in 2022, the newly formed program committee will explore the potential and options for a capstone course.

<p>Recommendation #4 Better communications about the program and its structure to both faculty and students, including the creation of a website and information materials.</p>	
<p>ARC Disposition of the Recommendation ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and already in the process of implementation.</p>	
<p>Implementation Plan (1st 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</p>	

Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Communications, website and information materials have been updated and modified.	Department	O		

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.

Comments 2022:

Same as above.

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 (1st 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 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.

Comments 2022:

Same as above.

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 (1st 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 We continue to explore potential cohort enhancing options.	Department	T	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.

Comments 2022:

As per the Collective Agreement, a Program Committee was established in March 2022. The PC will discuss the recommendation to create a richer “cohort” experience for students in the BA Social Sciences.