

# MA in Studies in Comparative Literatures and Arts (SCLA) Review

## Year 1 (2022) - FAR Implementation Report (reviewed 2019-2021)

### Recommendation #1

Revive the program as an MA in interdisciplinary and comparative studies.

#### ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers the recommendation to review and make changes to the program in order to revitalize it to be accepted for consideration. Notwithstanding that the reviewers gave the program an outcome category of *Excellent Quality*, the Committee recognizes that the program has been on hiatus for two years and that a transformation is important for its survival, whether as an MA in Interdisciplinary and Comparative Studies or in another form.

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

Responsible for approving:	Program
Responsible for resources:	Program
Responsible for implementation:	Program
Timeline:	Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2021/22.

Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 SCLA committee is focused on reviving the program.	Committee	T		

#### Comments 2022:

SCLA committee has struck three subcommittees (mandate/EDID, curriculum/specialization, and recruitment) to explore and respond to all 1<sup>st</sup> priority recommendations that will collectively respond to this recommendation.

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

**Recommendation #2**

Provide flexible and stable leadership and co-ordination with a Director on teaching release, supported by a wide-ranging committee membership of various stakeholders meeting regularly, adequately assisted by dedicated support staff, and clear lines of reporting and accountability.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**

ARC considers the recommendation to provide stable governance and clear lines of reporting and accountability to be accepted. The Committee recognizes that broad stakeholder membership and participation in the program is critical for its future viability. However, ARC understands that resources in terms of a director, faculty and staff are outside of its jurisdiction.

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

Responsible for approving: Program  
 Responsible for resources: Program  
 Responsible for implementation: Program  
 Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2021/22.

Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 SCLA committee meets regularly to discuss and plan program evolution.	Graduate Program Director (GPD)	O		
Action #2 SCLA committee consists of colleagues from MLLC, DART, ENGL.	GPD	O		

**Comments 2022:**

SCLA intends to widen membership on the committee in 2022-2023.

**Recommendation #3**

Instruction should be on-load as much as possible.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**

ARC considers the recommendation to be not accepted as workload lies outside of its jurisdiction and has implications with respect to Collective Agreements.

**Implementation Plan**

[Recommendation] Not accepted.

**Recommendation #4**

Develop a robust recruiting plan, with local, national, and international scope and records, sustained by dedicated support staff.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**

ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and in the process of implementation. The Committee recognizes that the Program Director and Committee are responsible for developing a broad-based recruiting plan in partnership with the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Recruitment, Marketing and Communications, and other institutional resources.

**Implementation Plan (1st Priority)**

Responsible for approving: Program  
 Responsible for resources: Program  
 Responsible for implementation: Program  
 Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2021/22.

Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Recruitment subcommittee is working with MARCOMM to develop new digital recruitment plan.	Committee	T		
Action #2 Dean of FGS will meet with GPDs & Assoc. Dean to discuss recruitment.	GPD	T		

**Comments 2022:**

Preliminary plan is to build out a social media campaign, build a SCLA recruitment page.

**Recommendation #5**

Enunciate a clear, focused, flexible interdisciplinary and comparatist program mandate, with illustrative examples of possible qualifying undergraduate degrees, programs and projects for potential students, full-and part-time options, recorded and potential career outcomes, funding opportunities, and evolving annotated roster of participating faculty, institutes, units, resources, and sponsors.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**  
 ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted. The Committee understands the reviewers to be referring to a mandate which will reflect the new priorities of the revitalized program under consideration, per recommendation #1. ARC expects that a mandate which addresses the many criteria listed in the recommendation would be a powerful recruiting tool as well.

**Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)**  
 Responsible for approving: Program  
 Responsible for resources: Program  
 Responsible for implementation: Program  
 Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2021-22.

Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Mandate/EDID subcommittee is developing a new program mandate to submit to the committee for approval.	Committee	T		

**Comments 2022:**

Discussion and action will occur during SCLA retreat.

**Recommendation #6**

Establish an active, well curated, and student-centred social media presence.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**  
 ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted. The Committee expects that the Program will work with existing institutional resources to move forward with this recommendation.

**Implementation Plan (2<sup>nd</sup> Priority)**  
 Responsible for approving: Program  
 Responsible for resources: Program  
 Responsible for implementation: Program  
 Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2022-23.

Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Recruitment subcommittee is working with MARCOMM to create this presence.	Committee/ GPD	T		

**Comments 2022:**

As a 2<sup>nd</sup> Priority, real conceptualizing will occur in Year 2.

**Recommendation #7**

<p>Establish collaborative and consultative relationships with similar programs and institutions regionally, nationally, and internationally.</p> <p><b>ARC Disposition of the Recommendation</b> ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted.</p> <p><b>Implementation Plan (2<sup>nd</sup> Priority)</b>            Responsible for approving: Program            Responsible for resources: Program            Responsible for implementation: Program            Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2022-23.</p>
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Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Added to transition document for GPD return.	GPD	T		

**Comments 2022:**

As a 2<sup>nd</sup> Priority, action left to returning GPD.

**Recommendation #8**

Prioritize and enunciate policy of Equity, Diversity, Indigenization, and Decolonization in all aspects of the program.

**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)**  
 Responsible for approving: Program  
 Responsible for resources: Program  
 Responsible for implementation: Program  
 Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2021-22.

Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Mandate/EDID subcommittee is developing the policy.	Committee	T		

**Comments 2022:**

Subcommittee will submit proposal for approval by committee upon return of GPD.

**Recommendation #9**

Implement community service learning, experiential learning, and internship component, with faculty mentorship, for use where appropriate in a student’s or a cohort’s program.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**  
 ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and in the process of implementation. The Committee encourages the Program to consider further opportunities to include experiential components in the curriculum, working with existing institutional resources. ARC expects that the Program is best positioned to determine appropriate strategies to move forward on this issue.

**Implementation Plan (2<sup>nd</sup> Priority)**  
 Responsible for approving: Program  
 Responsible for resources: Program  
 Responsible for implementation: Program  
 Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2022-23.

Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Added to transition document for GPD return.	Committee	T		

**Comments 2022:**

As a 2<sup>nd</sup> Priority, action left to returning GPD.

**Recommendation #10**

<p>Where appropriate, use team-teaching curated and coordinated by a course director.</p> <p><b>ARC Disposition of the Recommendation</b> ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and in the process of implementation.</p> <p><b>Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)</b> Responsible for approving: Program Responsible for resources: Program Responsible for implementation: Program Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2021-22.</p>
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Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 This is current practice in SCLA.	Committee	O		

**Comments 2022:**

Committee has added a second team-taught course for 2022-2023.

**Recommendation #11**

Provide opportunities for the program’s cohorts and membership to engage socially with each other, develop an esprit de corps, and organize program-related events.

**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)**  
 Responsible for approving: Program  
 Responsible for resources: Program  
 Responsible for implementation: Program  
 Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2021-22.

Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 This is current practice in SCLA. Cohort meets biweekly with GPD.	GPD	0		
Action #2 SCLA hosts a graduate student conference co-organized by the cohort.	GPD/ Teaching staff	0		

**Comments 2022:**

Activities will continue into year 2.

**Recommendation #12**

Language requirements should be adapted to the student’s program.

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**  
 ARC considers the recommendation to be current practice.

**Implementation Plan**  
 No further action required.



**Recommendation #13**

Rename SCLA

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**  
 ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and in the process of implementation. The Committee understands that consideration of a name change is dependent on the implementation of recommendation #1.

**Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)**  
 Responsible for approving: Program  
 Responsible for resources: Program  
 Responsible for implementation: Program  
 Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2021-22.

Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 SCLA committee will rename program.	Committee	T		

**Comments 2022:**

The work of the three subcommittees will be essential to determine an appropriate new name for the program.

**Recommendation #14**

Develop Areas of Specialization

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**  
 ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and in the process of implementation. The Committee understands that the development of areas of specialization is dependent on the implementation of recommendation #1.

**Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)**  
 Responsible for approving: Program  
 Responsible for resources: Program  
 Responsible for implementation: Program  
 Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2021-22.

Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 SCLA to develop areas of specialization.	GPD	T		

**Comments 2022:**

The introduction of new members to the SCLA committee and the work of the mandate/EDID and curriculum/specialization subcommittees will be essential to continue this work of building specializations.

**Recommendation #15**

Administrative Affiliation and a Diploma in SCLA				
<b>ARC Disposition of the Recommendation</b>				
ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted and in the process of implementation. The Committee understands the recommendation to be referring to administrative and pedagogical affiliation with the PhD in Interdisciplinary Humanities and the option for a Diploma for students in other graduate programs.				
<b>Implementation Plan (2<sup>nd</sup> Priority)</b>				
Responsible for approving: Program				
Responsible for resources: Program				
Responsible for implementation: Program				
Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2022-23.				

Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Added to transition document for GPD return.	Committee	T		

**Comments 2022:**

As a 2<sup>nd</sup> Priority, action left to returning GPD. For administrative reasons, a new name for the program will be submitted to ARC before the new diploma is determined.

**Recommendation #16**

<p>Curriculum Renewal</p> <p><b>ARC Disposition of the Recommendation</b> ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted. The Committee expects that curriculum review and renewal will be a central consideration during the revitalization process of the program. ARC considers the recommendation to be dependent on the implementation of recommendation #1.</p> <p><b>Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)</b> Responsible for approving: Program Responsible for resources: Program Responsible for implementation: Program Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2021-22.</p>
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Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 SCLA committee is reviewing and reworking core courses incrementally in light of the work of the three subcommittees.	Committee	T		
Action #2 New team taught 5P02 will be the first aspect of program renewal for 2022-2023.	Course instructors	T		

**Comments 2022:**

This is a continuous, incremental process. SCLA retreat will provide opportunity for more developed renewal based on subcommittee work.

**Recommendation #17**

<p>Make 5P01 a 'credit / non-credit' course</p> <p><b>ARC Disposition of the Recommendation</b> ARC considers the recommendation to be current practice.</p> <p><b>Implementation Plan</b> No action required.</p>
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**Recommendation #18**

Consider a retreat

**ARC Disposition of the Recommendation**  
 ARC considers the recommendation to be accepted. The Committee expects that gathering the stakeholders of the program together for a retreat would be beneficial to the future of the program.

**Implementation Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Priority)**  
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 Responsible for resources: Program  
 Responsible for implementation: Program  
 Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by the end of academic year 2021-22.

Actions	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Awaiting return of GPD to call a retreat.	GPD	D		

**Comments 2022:**

Have spoken to returning GPD and explained need for a retreat.