

Visual Arts

Undergraduate Review

Year 1 (2017) - FAR Implementation Report

(reviewed 2015/16)

Recommendation #1

- a) All VISA majors be required to take both of these Winter courses [VISA 1P95 (Intro to Digital Images and VISA 1P97 (Studio Now)], along with VISA 1P96 (Foundation Studio) - only the latter is now required for all students. The completion of these three courses would provide each student with a broad and interdisciplinary foundation from which to diverge into selected media practices, or from which they can merge into inter-media practices, later in the program.
- b) In their upcoming curriculum discussions, the faculty consider what media are not represented in course offerings and whether or not courses in these media might in some way be offered, to be accommodated within the present facilities. The faculty might consider meeting with students or student representatives in order to get a sense of what media students feel they do not have the opportunity to work with.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be accepted and in the process of implementation. In addition to the curriculum review planned for spring/summer 2016, the Committee encourages the Department to undertake an ongoing process of curriculum review and revision.

Implementation Plan (1st Priority)

Responsible for approving:	Department
Responsible for resources:	Department
Responsible for implementation:	Department
Timeline:	Dean of Humanities to report by end of academic year 2016/17

Actions On Target (T), On Hold (H), Delayed (D), Complete (C)	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Schedule Department curriculum review to discuss the recommendation.	Chair	C		
Action #2 Review curriculum and make changes.	Dept & Program Committee	C		

Comments 2017:

The Department met last spring for an in-depth curriculum review. Student feedback was solicited as part of the process. It was unanimously decided that requiring all three courses would be too many 1st year courses. We made small alterations to 1P96 (Foundation Studio) to better represent studio needs and dropped 1P97 (Studio Now).

VISA majors are now required to take 1P95 (Digital Foundation) and 1P96 (Foundation Studio). The department feels this will give students a broad knowledge base more appropriate to upper level needs.

Recommendation #2

VISA develop clearer 3rd-year course paths.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be accepted and in the process of implementation. The Committee expects that the curriculum review referenced in response to Recommendation #1 will also address course pathways, with a view to improving the student experience.

Implementation Plan (1st Priority)

Responsible for approving:	Department
Responsible for resources:	Department
Responsible for implementation:	Department
Timeline:	Dean of Humanities to report by end of academic year 2016/17

Actions On Target (T), On Hold (H), Delayed (D), Complete (C)	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Schedule department retreat to discuss curriculum review to clarify 3 rd year paths	Chair	T		

Comments 2017:

The Department and program committee have reviewed the curriculum with a view to clarifying course pathways in the 3rd year. Submissions have been brought to UPC to make changes to the programs. VISA 3P11 was cancelled when the department felt it was not integrated enough and one course, 3M90 will be offered on a trial basis to provide an interdisciplinary option for 3rd and 4th year students wishing to actively integrate writing, studio, digital, sound and/or animation, etc.

Recommendation #3

VISA make a tenure-track hire for a specialist in photographic practice with a focus on contemporary photography.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be worthy of consideration, but realizes that it lies outside of the jurisdiction of the Committee. It is expected that the program will proceed through normal channels of advocacy for faculty resources.

Implementation Plan

Recommendation not accepted.

Recommendation 4

VISA complete a program application for a BFA.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be accepted. The Committee believes that the Department is best positioned to determine appropriate strategies to move forward with this recommendation.

Implementation Plan (3rd Priority)

Responsible for approving: Department
 Responsible for resources: Department
 Responsible for implementation: Department
 Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by end of academic year 2018/19

Actions On Target (T), On Hold (H), Delayed (D), Complete (C)	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Schedule department retreat to discuss application for BFA	Chair	D		

Comments 2017:

There is unanimous agreement amongst the faculty members in the Department of Visual Arts in this regard. The stumbling block is the administrative ability to make this happen. The reality is that collectively this Department has been staggering under an abnormally high administrative load for the past several years and added to that the department suffered a resignation in late summer of 2016. The department recently had two medical leaves, one maternity leave and two sabbaticals leaving only one tenured faculty member and one tenure track. This is delayed pending the return of the faculty complement expected in the summer of 2017.

Recommendation 5

The university administration clarify, as soon as possible, the future relationship between MWISFPA [MIWSFPA] and Rodman Hall.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be not accepted as it lies outside the jurisdiction of the Committee. The Committee understands that the university is exploring options for the future of Rodman Hall. Key to this will be maintaining artistic, curatorial and research services to faculty, students and the community moving forward.

Implementation Plan

Recommendation not accepted.

Recommendation 6

VISA consult with Brock's Center for Pedagogical Innovation to guarantee consistency of learning outcomes across the program during VISA's planned curriculum review in 2016-17.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be accepted and in the process of implementation. The Committee understands that the recommendation is closely related to Recommendations #1 and #2 and the Department's responses to them.

Implementation Plan (1st Priority)

Responsible for approving:	Department
Responsible for resources:	Department
Responsible for implementation:	Department
Timeline:	Dean of Humanities to report by end of academic year 2016/17

Actions On Target (T), On Hold (H), Delayed (D), Complete (C)	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Departmental curriculum review	Chair/depa rtment	D		

Comments 2017:

VISA faculty are all in agreement about the necessity of conducting a curriculum review and it makes sense to consult the CPI as part of this process. This recommendation is delayed pending the return of the faculty complement expected in the summer of 2017.

Recommendation 7

VISA 1Q98 (Intro to Visual Culture) and VISA 1Q99 (History of Western Art) be offered in face-to-face format.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be accepted. The Committee believes that the Department is best-positioned to determine appropriate strategies to address the delivery of these courses.

Implementation Plan (1st Priority)

Responsible for approving: Department
 Responsible for resources: Department
 Responsible for implementation: Department
 Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by end of academic year 2016/17

Actions On Target (T), On Hold (H), Delayed (D), Complete (C)	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Departmental "History of Art/Visual Culture" (HAVC) members need to address this issue	Chair/depart ment	D		

Comments 2017:

Of the three members who teach in HAVC, one is on sabbatical, one is on medical leave, and one recently returned to work but is on ½ medical leave. Action on this recommendation will have to await the return of all members of HAVC which should happen after July 1st 2017.

Recommendation 8

VISA expand the curatorial component of the HVAC [HAVC] program.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be not accepted as it lies outside the jurisdiction of the Committee. The Committee understands that the recommendation is closely related to Recommendation #5.

Implementation Plan

Recommendation not accepted.

Recommendation 9

VISA and IASC offerings be examined and coordinated to reduce repetition and duplication.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be accepted and in the process of implementation. The Committee expects that the curriculum review referenced in response to Recommendation #1 will also address repetition and duplication.

Implementation Plan (1st Priority)

Responsible for approving : Department
 Responsible for resources: Department
 Responsible for implementation: Department
 Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by end of academic year 2016/17

Actions On Target (T), On Hold (H), Delayed (D), Complete (C)	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Department members need to meet to discuss the issue	Chair/depa rtment	D		

Comments 2017:

This is delayed pending the return of the faculty complement expected in the summer of 2017.

Recommendation 10

VISA consider conducting Writing and Creative Practice workshops out of the Learning Commons.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be already in the process of implementation. The Committee expects that the Department will monitor progress on this initiative and make improvements as necessary.

Implementation Plan (2nd Priority)

Responsible for approving: Department
 Responsible for resources: Department
 Responsible for implementation: Department
 Timeline: Dean of Humanities to report by end of academic year 2017/18

Actions On Target (T), On Hold (H), Delayed (D), Complete (C)	Responsibility	Year One*	Year Two	Year Three
Action #1 Departmental members must review this initiative in order to make changes as necessary.	Chair/depa rtment	D		

Comments 2017:

Action on this recommendation will have to await the return of members of the Department which should happen after July 1st 2017.

Recommendation 11

The university and city improve directional signage to the MIWFPA [MIWSFPA] on Highway 406 and the downtown core.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be not accepted as it lies outside of the jurisdiction of the Committee. ARC expects that the Department and MIWSFPA will work through available channels of advocacy to implement this recommendation.

Implementation Plan

Recommendation not accepted.

Recommendation 12

Temporary parking passes be kept on hand for program-specific short-term parking.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be current policy. No further action is required.

Implementation Plan

No further action is required.

Recommendation 13

VISA actively integrate the Walker Cultural Leader Program into their pedagogy.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be current policy. No further action is required.

Implementation Plan

No further action is required.

Recommendation 14

Creation of an MFA programme.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be not accepted at this time. The Committee understands that the possible establishment of the BFA would come first and that the graduate degree would be a future consideration.

Implementation Plan

Recommendation not accepted.

Recommendation 15

One of the factors keeping the VISA Program from being rated as "Excellent" in quality is that it does not currently have either a national or international reputation. With its new facilities, its current strong faculty both in studio and HAVC, and with the recommendations identified by the reviewers, we feel that with the support of the university, the VISA program is well-positioned to promote and recruit in a more national and/or international scale.

ARC Disposition of the Recommendation

ARC considers this recommendation to be a comment. The Committee encourages the Department to build on its strengths and work towards national and international recruitments for its programs.

Implementation Plan

Recommendation not accepted.