

Political Science
Update on Unit Response to External Reviewers' Report & Action Plan
Programs Being Reviewed: Undergraduate and Graduate Programs
Approved by Dean André Plourde: July 30, 2020

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Action Item	Owner & Timeline	Progress Update June 2020	Will the action described require calendar changes? (Y or N)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department will be seeking permission to offer a 0.5 FYSM on Canadian Indigenous Relations in winter term 2020 (no additional resources required). CI identified. • The Department will be creating a 3000-level course called “Global Indigenous Politics” in the 2020/21 cycle to be offered by a faculty member in the academic year 2021/22 (Gopika Solanki). • Colleagues are being strongly encouraged to integrate Indigenous Learning Bundles into their courses in 2019/20. 	<p>Departmental Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic year 2019/20 • Academic year 2020/21 • Academic year 2021/22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 0.5 FYSM on Canadian Indigenous Relations was offered in Fall 2019 and will be offered again in Fall 2020. • Gopika Solanki will be developing a new 3000-level course called “Global Indigenous Politics,” to be offered in the academic year 2021/22. • Colleagues continue to be encouraged to integrate indigenous learning bundles into their courses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N • Y • N
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting with the May 2019 CDI submissions, faculty will be required to highlight their supervisions for the previous year. • At the May departmental retreat the chair will start a conversation with faculty on how to concretely account for supervisions. 	<p>Department Chair/Dean FPA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2019 onward 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty are now highlighting their supervisions in their CDI submissions. • Supervisions were discussed at the May 2019 retreat. The May 2020 retreat had to be cancelled. • The faculty member with the highest number of supervisions in 2016-2019 has been given a 0.5 course release in 2020/21. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will initiate a consultation with faculty, EDC and ODFPA to determine how best to address the problem of access to 4000-level courses, with an expectation to have a solution in place by Fall 2019 for implementation in 2020-21. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019/20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to 4000-level courses has been addressed by raising the cap to 28 and better controlling non-Political Science student registrations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Departmental Teaching Mentor will be encouraged to include this sort of conversation as one of the initiatives. <i>Note: Recommendation referenced was 'Promote conversations across subfields on expectations and workloads in courses.'</i> 	<p>Departmental Teaching Mentor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our teaching mentor has included this topic in their sessions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department plans to begin a regular "reorientation" seminar in the winter term to follow up on the fall orientation. 	<p>Undergraduate Supervisor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter 2019 and onward 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The undergraduate supervisor held a mid-year orientation for first year students in January 2020. They will do so again in January 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2010, we began rotating our six core courses, three every year, to increase class sizes and to free up resources for other parts of the program. We will continue this approach with the exception of the International Relations core course, which is too large to offer every other year. The department is considering offering that course on an annual basis. 	<p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing, to be decided for the 2021/22 academic year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair will decide in January 2021 whether to offer the IR core course in 2021/22. It is being offered in 2020/21. We will know in summer 2020 how heavily subscribed are these core courses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The graduate supervisor will work with students to provide them with suggestions on who to approach as a supervisor. When making PhD offers the graduate committee considers whether or not there is a faculty member who could 	<p>Graduate Supervisor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These things are being done on a regular, ongoing basis by the graduate supervisor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N

reasonably be expected to supervise the student, based on expertise (i.e. sometimes not an exact match, but a "close enough" match)			
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