

ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW

REVIEW SUMMARY FOR DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING

(1) REVIEW DETAILS

Unit Reviewed:	<i>Department of Geography and Planning</i>
Programs Reviewed:	<i>Bachelor of Arts Four-Year – Regional and Urban Planning</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Honours – Regional and Urban Planning</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts and Science Four-Year – Environment and Society</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts and Science Honours – Environment and Society</i> <i>Bachelor of Science Four-Year – Hydrology</i> <i>Bachelor of Science Honours – Hydrology</i> <i>Master of Arts</i> <i>Master of Science</i> <i>Doctor of Philosophy</i>
Review Team Members:	<i>Bernard Momer, Associate Professor (External Reviewer)</i> University of British Columbia (Irving K. Barber Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences) <i>Jonathan Peyton, Associate Professor (External Reviewer)</i> University of Manitoba (Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources) <i>Donna Beneteau, Associate Professor (Internal Reviewer)</i> University of Saskatchewan (College of Engineering)
Date and Type of Review:	<i>March 17-18, 2026 (On Site Review)</i>

(2) STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION

The Review Team were provided with a facilities tour and also consulted with many stakeholders as part of the review, including having in-person meetings with the following personnel:

- Faculty
- Undergraduate students
- Graduate students
- Administrative support staff (college-based and central)
- Alumni
- Department Head
- College leadership (Arts and Science, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
- Deputy Provost

(3) SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The Review Team's External Review Report included a number of findings and observations for consideration. Recommendations were primarily in the areas of (sorted alphabetically):

- Academic partnerships
- Alumni relationships
- Certificate opportunities
- Curriculum design and/or review
- Faculty complement size and/or areas of focus
- Faculty workload and/or assignment of duties
- Program marketing and promotion
- Program review, optimization and/or reconfiguration
- Program time to completion
- Student advising
- Student experiential learning and/or study abroad opportunities
- Student funding
- Student recruitment and retention

(4) IMPLEMENTATION OF ENHANCEMENTS, MONITORING AND DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

The Department Head and Dean (Arts and Science) are responsible for building an action plan and the implementation of any recommendations in the External Review Report which were supported and/or agreed with in terms of the response from the academic unit. The Department Head is expected to provide a progress update to the Office of the Provost and VP Academic within 2 years of the completion of the review, which in this instance, is April 2028.

The next review of the department and its programs will be initiated no later than the 2035/36 academic year.

(5) DISTRIBUTION

Updates on the status of this review, including implementation progress in the years following review completion, will be provided to Academic Programs Committee.

The Self-Study Report, External Review Report, and the Academic Unit Response, are all shared with the following stakeholders: College/Department leaders, Dean of College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Teaching Innovation and Strategic Initiatives, and the Deputy Provost.

Inquiries into further details about the process and outcomes of this review can be submitted to the [Assessment and Analytics Team](#) within the Office of the Provost and Vice-President Academic.