

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW

### REVIEW SUMMARY FOR DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

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#### **(1) REVIEW DETAILS**

<b>Unit Reviewed:</b>	<b><i>Department of Philosophy</i></b>
<b>Programs Reviewed:</b>	<i>Bachelor of Arts Honours – Philosophy</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Double Honours – Philosophy Major 1</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Double Honours – Philosophy Major 2</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Double Honours – Philosophy Major 1, STM College</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Double Honours – Philosophy Major 2, STM College</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts – Minor in Philosophy</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Honours – STM College</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Four-Year – Philosophy</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Four-Year – STM College</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Three-Year – STM College</i> <i>Master of Arts – Philosophy (Thesis-based)</i> <i>Master of Arts – Philosophy (Course-based)</i> <i>Certificate in Ethics, Justice, and Law</i>
<b>Review Team Members:</b>	<b><i>Mark Migotti, Professor (External Reviewer)</i></b> University of Calgary (Faculty of Arts)  <b><i>Marie-Eve Morin, Professor (External Reviewer)</i></b> University of Alberta (Faculty of Arts)  <b><i>Kathryn Labelle, Professor (Internal Reviewer)</i></b> University of Saskatchewan (College of Arts and Science)
<b>Date and Type of Review:</b>	<b><i>March 17-18, 2025 (On Site Review)</i></b>

#### **(2) STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION**

The Review Team consulted with many stakeholders as part of the review, including having in-person meetings (or virtual meetings prior to the visit) with the following personnel:

- Faculty
- Instructors
- Undergraduate students
- Graduate students
- 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):

- Administrative/support staff complement size
- Communication within academic unit
- Course delivery, including standardization and/or options
- Curriculum design and/or review
- Enhanced utilization of external funding programs for faculty support
- Facility design, improvement and/or utilization
- Facility operations and/or feasibility
- Faculty complement size and/or areas of focus
- Research support, including funding, staff and/or facilities
- Strategic planning, reviews, and/or retreats
- Student funding
- Student recruitment

### **(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 June 2027.

The next review of the department and its programs will be initiated no later than the 2034/35 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.

Previously, the Self-Study Report, External Review Report, and the Academic Unit Response, have all been shared with the following stakeholders: College/Department leaders, Dean of College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Teaching, Learning and Student Experience, 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.