

ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW

REVIEW SUMMARY FOR DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

(1) REVIEW DETAILS

Unit Reviewed:	<i>Department of Sociology</i>
Programs Reviewed:	<i>Bachelor of Arts Three-Year – Sociology</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Four-Year – Sociology</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Honours – Sociology</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Three-Year – Sociology (Indigenous Justice and Criminology)</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Four-Year – Sociology (Indigenous Justice and Criminology)</i> <i>Bachelor of Arts Honours – Sociology (Indigenous Justice and Criminology)</i> <i>Minor in Sociology</i> <i>Master of Arts – Sociology (Project-based)</i> <i>Master of Arts – Sociology (Thesis-based)</i> <i>Doctor of Philosophy – Sociology</i>
Review Team Members:	<i>Patrizia Albanese, Professor (External Reviewer)</i> Toronto Metropolitan University (Faculty of Arts) <i>Howard Ramos, Professor (External Reviewer)</i> Western University (Faculty of Social Science) <i>Nazeem Muhajarine, Professor (Internal Reviewer)</i> University of Saskatchewan (College of Medicine)
Date and Type of Review:	<i>March 5-6, 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 (including STM faculty)
- Undergraduate students
- Graduate students
- Administrative support staff
- 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 and/or administrative policies and/or processes
- Academic partnerships
- Administrative support structure
- Communication with stakeholders
- Course design and delivery, including standardization and/or options
- Curriculum design and/or review
- Facility design, expansion, improvement and/or utilization
- Faculty complement size and/or areas of focus
- Graduate student recruitment
- Research support for larger funding opportunities
- Strategic planning, reviews, and/or retreats
- Teaching support

(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.