

## FINAL SUMMARY REPORT OF PROGRAM REVIEW

<b>Undergraduate Program</b>	<b>History Modules, Huron University College</b>
Degree(s) Offered	BA
Program Description	Honors, Major, Specialization, and Minor
Date of Site Visit	19-20 January 2012
Evaluation	Good Quality with Report in One Year

### Summary:

The external review was conducted by Dr. Bruce Strang, Dean of Arts, Brandon University. The internal reviewer representing SUPRU was Dean John Mitchell from Brescia University College. Dr Strang was very enthusiastic in his praise for the program.

Dr. Strang pointed to the strong classroom teaching in the program, emphasizing the engagement of faculty members with students, the bringing alive of research in the classroom, and the collegial character of the department. He noted that the offerings in History at Huron fit well within the Western system but have many unique hallmarks, including an early engagement of students with problems of historiography. Library resources in support of the program were judged to be excellent. Dr. Strang noted that the department has done an excellent job of developing clear learning outcomes, "including abilities to assess both primary and secondary sources' merits and limitations, forming research questions, devising and sustaining arguments, ability to evaluate quantitative and qualitative evidence, to communicate the results of research and analysis orally and in writing, and to understand the limits of historical knowledge."

The review notes some mixed feelings among students about the role of History 3801E (The Historian's Craft) in the program.

Recommendations (summarized in tabular form below) revolved around staffing, the role of two signature courses in the program (History 1801E and 3801E), and enhancing the relationship of the History program with other programs at Huron.

Recommendation	Responsibility
Reconsideration of the role of History 3801E (The Historian's Craft) in the program; and reconsideration of its format	Department, Dean, and Educational Policy Committee
Consideration of making History 1801E at Huron mandatory for students in Huron History modules	Department, Dean, and Educational Policy Committee
Consideration of making History 1801E into two 0.5 courses	Department, Dean, and Educational Policy Committee
Avoidance of converting 3-hour courses to 2-hour courses	Department, Dean, and Educational Policy Committee
Consideration of ability to motivate and to support development of an interdisciplinary program in gender or women's studies or imperialism	Department, Dean and EPC
Reduced reliance on print materials in favour of electronic materials	Department