

ANNUAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW

Action Update

2009-2010

The Social Science Program review suggest the following recommendations: In the Fall Semester, 2008, the Social Science Review was completed and delivered to the office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). The review offered a series of recommendations. Following is a progress report on the implementation of those recommendations:

- a. To add Social Science 499: Senior Seminar to its curriculum. This process should be completed by September 2009. *This recommendation has been replaced by another option presented to the CAS Curriculum Committee in 2009-2010. This option is: All Social Science majors will enroll in History 499 or Political Science 499: Senior Seminar as their culminating project. It has been placed in the La Verne catalog.*
- b. To strengthen the administration and academic advising with the program. This will include:
 1. conducting annual senior exit surveys. *Completed and In-process.*
 2. conducting alumni surveys every third year [beginning with the 2007-2008 academic year]. *Scheduled to be completed during the Spring Semester, 2011.*

3. collecting senior papers and the reviews of seminar coordinators. *Senior papers and senior seminar coordinator reviews have been collected every semester since the completion of the Social Science review in October 2008.*
 4. Working closely with relevant disciplines within the major as well as CAPA, School of Education, and other programs; to that end, two forms have been developed for the coordinator to evaluate the quality of the senior seminar presentation and paper [Appendix VI and VII]; these evaluations will commence with the Fall Semester 2008 senior seminar. *In-process.*
- c. To coordinate courses and programs that serve the needs of the learning outcomes desired by the Social Science major. *This is an on-going process, and the Department of History and Political Science, especially its International Studies program, has been involved. The Social Science chair has kept the Department informed of issues relevant to the Social Science program.*
 - d. To keep Social Science majors informed of graduate degree programs and single subject waiver criteria offered by other institutions within the area. *This is done through academic advising with majors in the program and during a once-a-semester meeting between Departmental faculty and major students on academic degrees and post-graduation opportunities.*
 - e. To establish a Social Science Single Subject Waiver program that would attract students interested in teaching at the secondary level into the major. This

effort would be conducted in conjunction with advice from the School of Education. Such an endeavor is estimated to be completed by the end of the 2009-2010 academic year. *Very little has been done to implement this recommendation for a single subject waiver program other than a few preliminary meetings with relevant members of the College of Education.*

- f. To work with the College of Arts and Sciences to develop an Interdisciplinary Studies program in which selected Social Science courses would form an area of concentration within the new major. The goal is to have this program up and running by the Fall Semester of 2009. *The chair of the Social Science program was interested in connecting the Social Science program to a broader University-wide initiative, the Interdisciplinary Studies program, advocated by the previous CAS Dean. This would be a new major in which selected Social Science courses would have formed an area of concentration within the new major. As far as the chair knows, the initiative collapsed due to resistance within the campus academic community. This recommendation is not likely to be completed in the future.*

The Social Science program will endeavor to implement these recommendations over the next few academic years.