

## **Program Progress Report**

## Institutional Quality Assurance Program (IQAP) Review

## Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition

Date of Site Visit: March 28/29, 2018

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Please outline below how recommendations from the initial program review have been addressed. [Please fill in one table for each recommendation from the original Final Assessment Report]

Recommendation:
Improve the branding and marketing of MA program in Globalization
Responsibility for Implementation:
Director
Anticipated Timeline for Completion:
Fall 2018
Additional Notes/Commentary:
I became Director of IGHC in July 2018, and was not involved in the IQAP Review Process
Progress (check one)
X Completed
In Progress
Other (please explain)
Department's Comments:
IGHC has started to create promotional materials for its MA program, including the use of social media. This has been very successful. In previous years, application to IGHC's MA program ranged between 35-50. In 2019, IGHC had 79 application, in 2020 95 applications, and in 2021 114 applications.
Dean's Comments:
The growth in enrolments has been very encouraging and indicates that the new promotional approach is effective.
QAC Comments (to be filled in by Quality Assurance Committee):



QAC reviewed this report and had no further comments or concerns.

Recommendation:
Streamline the programme to improve the coherence of the programme and assist students in the
design of the MA degree
Responsibility for Implementation:
Advisory Committee
Anticipated Timeline for Completion:
Ongoing over the next 3 years
Additional Notes/Commentary:
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Progress (check one)
X Completed
☐ In Progress
☐ Other (please explain)
Department's Comments:
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In summer 2020 (before the start of AY 2020), IGHC created a pathways document for incoming IGHC
students, listing dates, and creating drop-in seminars with participating faculty on a weekly basis to
discuss MA projects. IGHC also created several sessions between November 2020 – Februrary 2021
for MA students to discuss their progress on MA proposals and other matters. This approach has been
very successful, and IGHC has also distributed the pathways document to other departments (for
example, the Department of Anthropology) that have asked for it.
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Dean's Comments:
The approach adopted fits with the needs of the students in the program, and includes in-person
components so that students can talk to faculty about the questions they have, which is very
important. This has been effective and addresses the underlying concern.
QAC Comments (to be filled in by Quality Assurance Committee):
See above.



Recommendation:
Increase research opportunities for students
Responsibility for Implement
Advisory Board
Anticipated Timeline for Completion:
Ongoing over the next 3 years
Additional Notes/Commentary:
Progress (check one)
X Completed
X In Progress
☐ Other (please explain)
Department's Comments:
Faculty members affiliated with IGHC have started to create research opportunities for students. For
example, since 2018 IGHC students have participated in and created community events, conducted
ethnographic fieldwork, and done social media research on the web. This has been successful, and
has also led to other forms of research outcomes. For example, films and podcasts, as well as writing.
I both checked completed and in progress because this recommendation has been completed, but
will also be pursued on an ongoing basis.
Dean's Comments:
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The Faculty is working to provide more opportunities for graduate students to engage in research
more often and earlier in their training. The IGHC program response is a good example of the
benefits of this type of activity. The work of doing this must take place each year, and ideally will
expand over time as feasible and appropriate, but I view the work to date as effectiively having
addressed the underlying concern.
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QAC Comments (to be filled in by Quality Assurance Committee):
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See above.

Recommendation:

Hire a part-time administrator to assist the coordinator

Responsibility for Implementation:



Director
Anticipated Timeline for Completion:
Fall 2018
Additional Notes/Commentary:
Progress (check one)
□ Completed
X In Progress
☐ Other (please explain)
Department's Comments:
Since 2019 IGHC has been fortunate to hire a work-study student on an ongoing basis. So far, this
practice has been very successful, and the current program coordinator is satisfied. As program
director I also consider the hiring of a work-study student as sufficient for now.
Dean's Comments:
Given the size of this program and the other responsibilities of the administrator, the administrative
support is more than adequate. Hiring the work-study student is an effective approach and addresses
the underlying concern.
QAC Comments (to be filled in by Quality Assurance Committee):
See above.