

Reviews of Academic Programs and Units and UTM Provostial Review

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Reviews Reported to Governance in 2023-2024

- UTM Provostial Review (non-UTQAP)
- Department of Sociology and its programs
- Master of Management in Innovation (MMI)
- Master of Science in Sustainability Management (MScSM)
- Department of Geography, Geomatics and Environment, and its programs

Purpose of Review

UTM Provostial Review

- Commissioned by the Vice-President and Provost and the Vice-President and Principal, UTM
- Normally coincides with conclusion of Dean's term
- Pertains to Division's Academic Portfolio

UTQAP Review of Programs and Units

- Commissioned by the Dean
- Goal of continuous improvement: Quality Assurance
- External reviewers approved by the Vice-Provost

External Review Process



Highlights from UTM Provostial Review, April 26-28, 2023

Strengths

- Impressive research activities and collaborations
- Overall atmosphere and satisfaction of UTM community
- Emphasis on community-engaged scholarship
- Well-placed to address changing landscape of higher education

Six Recommendations

1. Reflect and consolidate; review strategic priorities
2. Enhance graduate student experience
3. Reconcile UTM's academic and research missions
4. Create a strategic enrolment plan
5. Clarify and review UTM leadership roles
6. Strengthen connections other U of T campuses

Six Highlights from Response

1. Complete Academic Plan 2024-2029
2. Establish Graduate Taskforce
3. Connect researchers with students; celebrate teaching-stream pedagogical research
4. Establish Strategic Enrolment Management (SEM) taskforce
5. Restructure OVPAD's staff and academic leader roles
6. Increase tri-campus coordination; ensure institutional visits to UTM

Highlights from UTQAP Reviews of Academic Units and Programs

Department of Sociology: April 27-29, 2022

Strengths

- Leadership in Equity, Diversity, Indigeneity and Inclusion (EDII)
- Comprehensive curriculum
- Robust faculty complement
- Collegial environment

Recommendations

- Determine ideal size for each program
- Modify curriculum to enhance student experience and add opportunities for research and EL
- Assess impact of admissions requirements

Response

- Review minimum grades for admission for minor, and revisit Specialist requirements
- Determine ideal balance of high impact course offerings
- Review available admissions data

Department of Geography, Geomatics and Environment: October 27-28, 2022

Strengths

- Strong programs with large & increasing enrolments
- Programs well linked to research
- Faculty are well supported and distributed
- High overall morale

Recommendations

- Ensure greater overlap between Phys Geog and Env Sci programs
- Refocus Human Geography curriculum
- Re-envision research clusters for interdisciplinarity

Response

- Program mini-retreats will examine curriculum and student feedback
- Examine research clusters overall
- Consult with others offering large 100-level courses

Master of Management of Innovation (MMI): July 4-5, 2022

Strengths

- Exceptional students
- Strong program staff who are essential to the program
- High overall strength and quality of faculty who are engaged in the program

Recommendations

- Enhance entrepreneurial activity & examine sequence of courses
- Clarify objectives of MMI and IMI
- Strengthen external relationships

Response

- Faculty retreat will review potential for more EL, curriculum changes, and successful new course MMI 2000H
- Expanding admissions in STEM fields
- 2025 Review of IMI and its programs will guide mandate & vision

Master of Science in Sustainability Management (MScSM): Sept 22-23, 2022

Strengths

- Highly praised program by students, faculty, and professionals
- Strong program management and curriculum
- Faculty are excellent and significant contributors

Recommendations

- Enhance clarity of objectives for the program
- Establish formal agreements with collaborator units
- Enhance focus on numerical skills during admissions

Response

- Faculty retreat will review curriculum directions
- Formal agreements implemented with MGT, GGE
- 2025 Review of IMI and its programs will guide mandate and vision

Full Governance Details

- AP&P Meeting Package
 - <https://uoft.me/APP>
- Final Assessment Report & Implementation Plans
 - <https://uoft.me/assessments>

