Final Assessment Report

Name of Program
Psychology Program at Brescia University College

Degrees Offered
- BA Honors Specialization
- BA Specialization
- BA Major
- BA Minor

External Consultants
- John Rempel PhD - Professor & Chair, Department of Psychology, St Jerome's University
- Francesco Leri - Professor & Chair, Department of Psychology University of Guelph

Internal Reviewers
- Mark Blagrave PhD - Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Science, Huron University College

Date of Site Visit
March 9, 2016

Evaluation
Good Quality

Approved by SUPR-U
May 18, 2016

 Approved by SCAPA
May 25, 2016

Executive Summary

The reviewers were impressed by the strong sense of community among faculty and students enabled by the small class sizes, and by the students’ consequent openness, engagement, confidence, and autonomy. Learning outcomes and means of assessing them were judged to be clear and in line with disciplinary norms. Recommendations centred on staffing and space.

Significant Strengths of Program
The reviewers commented on the excellent and concerned faculty. They reported that the structure of modules is clear and appropriate and the means of achieving learning outcomes “clearly demonstrated,” and the forms of assessment appropriate for the undergraduate level. The opportunities for writing provided by small class size was seen as a significant strength, as were student retention rates and success rates after graduation.

Suggestions for improvement & Enhancement
The reviewers suggested:

- Opening some courses to a wider student audience;
- Offering of more seminar courses;
- Developing an alternative to the thesis in 4th year;
- Integration of more experiential learning opportunities into existing courses;
- Enhanced recognition of advising Honors students on theses;
- Improving office space for contract teaching staff.

Recommendations required for Program sustainability:

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