

**Final Assessment Report**  
Submitted by SUPR-U to SCAPA

<b>Undergraduate Program:</b>	<b>Department of Modern Languages and Literatures</b>
<b>New or Cyclical Program Review (please indicate)</b>	<b>Cyclical Program Review</b>
<b>Degree(s) Offered:</b>	<b>BA modules: Honors Specializations, Specializations, Majors, Minors</b>
<b>Date of Site Visit:</b>	<b>25 March 2013</b>
<b>Evaluation:</b>	<b>Good quality</b>

**Summary:**

The report by external consultants Dr. Petra Fachinger (Queens University) and Dr. Sonia Thon (Acadia University) assesses the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures as “a very strong department with excellent teaching scores and with an excellent research record.” It goes on to note that “students are engaged and praise the commitment of their professors and administrative staff and the programs that the Department offers.” The appraisers met with a large number of full-time and part-time faculty members as well as numerous undergraduate students, in addition to administrators and staff. The appraisers recognized the contributions of the work of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures to the university’s priorities of internationalization and interdisciplinarity.

The recommendations made by the appraisers focus on ways in which what they consider an already strong department might become even stronger. The appraisers go so far as to suggest that Western consider a language requirement for all undergraduate students, or at least all undergraduate Arts and Humanities students. This recommendation could be seen as beyond the authority of the Department or Faculty. Chair, Dr. Joyce Bruhn de Garavito has responded clearly and frankly to each of the twelve recommendations. In several instances, additional staffing is recommended and in other cases the Department is already aware of and seeking to address issues raised by the consultants.

Recommendation	Responsibility
Increase collaboration with Huron University College	Department
More effective links between Comparative Literature and Culture and the Digital Humanities	Department
Reinstate Spanish for Heritage learners	Department