

HUMANITIES PROGRAM REVIEW, 2001-2002

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NOTE: None of the above faculty is assigned full-time to this program

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Humanities seek to render an integrative and critical examination of the human achievements in art, literature, philosophy and music. This approach will broaden and enrich the students' appreciation of human values derived from the creative forces as expressed in the arts.

Courses offered in this curriculum meet general education and transfer requirements and may be applied to a major in humanities in an Associate in Arts degree.

1. Mission

COMMENDATION

- This program conforms with the District mission to provide a general education curriculum leading to transfer and graduation.
- This is one of the true interdisciplinary programs in the curriculum

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The department should develop requirements based on core humanities courses and appropriate electives from other programs.
- The department should expand the multi-cultural focus of the humanities program.

2. Need

COMMENDATION

- The humanities program has grown in recent years and enjoys strong enrollments in both the day and evening. The number of sections of Humanities 101 and 102 offered per semester has increased from approximately 2 sections per semester (between 1987 and 1996) to an average of 6 sections per semester (spring 1997 to fall 2001).

RECOMMENDATION

- The department should schedule day, evening, and summer sections to meet the needs of the students.

3. Quality

COMMENDATIONS

- Faculty in the humanities program have developed a rigorous curriculum that demands critical thinking and extensive writing

- The teaching philosophy in this program focuses on inspiring students to a deeper appreciation of the arts as well as measurable goals.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The department should evaluate the priority ranking for full-time faculty as listed in its long-range plan and the need for a full-time faculty member to coordinate curriculum development.
- All syllabi should include: clear grading standards, attendance, and makeup policy; drop date, office hours, and standard District DSPS statement.

4. Feasibility

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The department should investigate the use of newer audiovisual technology (CD and laser disk players).
- The library should work closely with the humanities faculty to acquire a CD collection.
- The library can best serve this program by increasing its book collection in the area of Eastern European literature and of East Asian, Islamic, and African art and music.

5. Compliance

COMMENDATION

- The humanities program and the individual humanities courses do comply with District policies and State requirements. Qualified faculty do teach the various humanities classes.