

Final Assessment Report
Submitted by SUPR-G to SCAPA

Program:	Theology
Degrees Offered:	MA
Approved Fields:	No fields are defined
Date of Site Visit:	26-27 May 2011
Evaluation:	<i>Conditional Approval with report in one year</i>

Summary:

The MA in Theology, which is housed in Huron University College, was found currently to have some academic strengths and the promise to become a program of high quality. The reviewers, however, found that the Program faces challenges on a number of fronts, in particular in the areas of curriculum development, administration, faculty resourcing, and student support. It will be important to clarify and formalize existing practices, as well as to put in place plans to guide the Program through the current period of faculty renewal.

Recommendation:	Responsibility
Clarify the subject matter of the Program, especially in light of complement planning	Dean, Program Director
The development of a project-based M.A. should be abandoned	Dean, Program Director
Clarify issues of faculty workload and research expectations	Dean
Formalize processes for staffing courses (esp. reading courses) and providing supervisors	Dean, Program Director
Development of a broadly-based infrastructure for administering the Program	Dean, Program Director
Devise plans for recruitment and enrolment planning	Dean, Program Director
Implement a plan to enhance a community of learning and research among the students. This will include the revitalization of the research methods seminar, mentoring of students with respect to publication, and the creation of dedicated graduate student space.	Dean, Program Director, Principal
Formalization of graduate student funding, including contractual funding letters to students	Dean, Program Director
Develop a mechanism to ensure appropriate communication and oversight among the various stakeholders (Program, Huron, and SGPS)	Dean, Program Director, Principal, Vice-Provost (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)