

Philosophy

Department Overview

Langara's [Department of Philosophy](#) promotes an appreciation of philosophy, the ability to reason and write effectively about philosophical issues, and opportunities to acquire one of the key foundations of a liberal arts education. Because most of the courses offered carry university-transfer credit, the department also prepares students for further study in philosophy or such professional careers as law, journalism or business.

The department offers an [Associate of Arts](#).

Self-Study

Philosophy launched its program review in academic year 2020/21 with a Self-Study. Rana Ahmad was the primary Self-Study writer on behalf of the rest of the department's faculty. Additional support was provided by:

- Alexander Boston (Department Chair)
- Tess MacMillan (Division Chair, Humanities)
- Julie Longo (Dean, Faculty of Arts)
- Pennie Poon (Manager, Office of Academic Quality Assurance)
- Sunita Wiebe (Director, Office of Academic Quality Assurance)
- Institutional Research analysts

Data sources for the Self-Study included:

- Institutional Research-compiled student administrative data (e.g., headcounts, retention, satisfaction)
- Student survey
- Alumni survey
- Faculty survey

The Self-Study was completed in June 2021.

External Review

Philosophy's external review took place on July 7, 2021. The External Review Team consisted of:

- Melissa Roberts, Criminal Justice, Langara (External Review Chair)
- Dai Heidi, PhD, Department of Philosophy, Simon Fraser University
- Edrie Sobstyl, PhD, Philosophy and Humanities, Douglas College

Action Plan Goals

In response to the Self-Study and External Review, Philosophy created an Action Plan with these goals:

- Goal 1: Learning outcomes and articulation.
- Goal 2: Diversity.

Examples of Post-Review Successes

Forthcoming.