



To: The Assessment Peer Review Committee

Fr: Susan Kalina and Bill Myers, Co-Coordinator, International Studies Program
Assessment

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Re: 2008-2009 International Studies Program Assessment Report

We are pleased to submit the 2008-2009 Program Assessment Report for International Studies. Although the International Studies BA is still very new and, therefore, the assessment activity results must be considered preliminary, we have found the process itself to be helpful in refining program outcomes, evaluating student achievement, and defining priorities for program improvement and enhancement. In particular, International Studies has focused on creating and refining evaluation rubrics and assessment tools that provide useful information about student achievement. For example, as a result of this year's assessment, the Program will consider adding a program outcome that addresses the new Institutional Learning Outcome related to written communication.

Having participated in this process for two years for International Studies, longer in our respective disciplines, we would find it especially helpful at this point in time to learn more about what other programs are doing and what they have learned over the years. Moreover, with the upcoming implementation of the Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs), it would be especially beneficial to have the opportunity to engage in discussions about the integration of the ILOs. We are hoping these opportunities for faculty discussion will be made available on the institutional and college levels, in addition to the ongoing program level discussions.

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