



Senate Committee on University Planning

Academic Review Summary: Visual & Material Culture Program

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Note: The following recommendations are taken mostly verbatim from the external review. For context they should be read in conjunction with the department's formal response.

Recommendations of the Academic Program Review

1. That the Program conduct a systematic curriculum review.
2. Conduct a formal visioning/branding exercise.
3. Reassess the stewardship of program streams and the broader organization of responsibilities within the Program.
4. Conduct a thorough survey of in-Program students and alumni.
5. Focus on working with other units in the University to address challenges of space and funding.