

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND
EXTERNAL PROGRAM/ACCREDITATION REVIEW
SUMMARY

Unit/Program: Sociology and Anthropology
Reviewer: Nancy Greenwood, IU Kokomo
Year of Site Visit: 2005 (November)

Unit/Program Strengths Cited by Reviewer:

Faculty meet regularly and amicably to work on department goals.
Faculty have a record of excellence with respect to the quality of the curriculum and high standards of teaching. Many faculty members are recognized teaching award winners.
Course offerings reflect sociology national standards.
Faculty have an excellent record of service and are excellent mentors to students.
The tenured faculty have a solid record of scholarly activity.
The department appears to enjoy strong support by the Dean and upper level administrators.

Reviewers' Recommendations for Continued Unit/Program Improvement:

Continue discussions about sociology program curriculum offerings and develop a stronger, explicit curricular structure within and between courses.
Consider developing assessment measures that can be observed directly in course work.
Consider developing an email list, list serve or an E-newsletter to enhance communication with students about course offerings, faculty office hours and contact information, and other activities happening in the department.
Consider providing more faculty guidance at the beginning of each year to the sociology club by assisting student leaders to attract members with initial meetings. Continue discussions for building a BA in Anthropology or a related specialty.
Considering developing a BA in Health and Aging, or other interdisciplinary program that builds on the expertise of existing faculty.
Continue discussions about and be prepared to know what specialty areas the department would want future hires to have.

Accreditation Review Only—Length of Continued Accreditation Granted: