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The Undergraduate Program Committee meets annually in the fall semester to review and discuss aggregate data. It makes recommendations to individual students, and to the program faculty as a whole for improvements. The entire ICSP faculty also meets for regular faculty meetings at which time curriculum issues can be brought up.

5) What changes have been made as a result of using the data/evidence? (Have there been any recent changes to your curriculum or program? Why were they made?)

1. We have created a well-developed 80 page guide that explains the entire process of writing a thesis. In particular, the chapters on developing a research question, writing a proposal, framing an argument, and conducting original research have proved most valuable. The booklet is required reading for the ICSP research seminar.

2. More flexibility has been built into the program so that students on the Politics track can take more Humanities courses and vice versa. This change was done to ensure that the interdisciplinary nature of the program was emphasized.

3. Additional outside language opportunities have been added to improve language facility, such as NaTakallam which allows students to Skype with Syrian refugees in Arabic.

4. Efforts are being made to improve advanced levels of all relevant languages. We have found in exit interviews with students that, although the first two years are strong, students languish in the more advanced levels, often returning from abroad with no structured courses to take.

6) Date of the most recent program review. (Your latest comprehensive departmental self-study and external review.)

Internal program review was completed in May 2021 and was based on student interviews followed by faculty meeting. The next full review is scheduled for May 2024