

External Review Template

Academic Program Review

General Instructions:

Please review the self-study and supporting materials carefully before preparing your report. The following is a list of questions that may be considered. You should also feel free to add other observations or comments that do not fit into these categories. Keep in mind that the purpose of this review is to provide constructive feedback that will help drive program improvements. It is most helpful to focus on improvements that can be implemented in the near future without additional financial resources. However, you may choose to comment briefly on long-term strategies for the program which involve modest investment of personnel or finances (see final question).

- I. Background
 - a. What is the program being reviewed?
 - b. Reviewer: title and institutional affiliation
- II. Review of SWOT analysis
 - a. Does the SWOT analysis honestly and adequately capture the program's context?
 - b. What additional items would you add to the analysis?
- III. Review of curriculum
 - a. How well does the curriculum reflect best practices for the discipline or profession?
 - b. How well does the curriculum prepare graduates for employment or graduate school?
 - c. How well does the curriculum fit the mission and values of the institution? (see www.goshen.edu/about/mission/)
 - d. What changes would you recommend to strengthen the curriculum?

IV. Review of SLOs and assessment data

- a. How well are student learning outcomes being achieved?
- b. Are learning outcomes appropriately designed to meet disciplinary or professional standards of achievement at this degree level?
- c. What changes would you suggest to enhance student learning outcomes and assessment?
- V. Recommendations
 - a. Short-term: What are the top three goals you would suggest that the program set for the next three to five years, assuming little or no additional financial resources?
 - b. Long-term: What are the top three goals you would suggest that the program set for the next five to ten years, assuming modest additional financial resources?