

Academic Unit Action Plan: INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

2012 – 2017 Lakehead University Academic Plan Priorities	<u>Academic Unit Goals</u> for the Period 2012 – 2017 (Align unit specific goals with the associated University Academic Plan Priorities)	<u>Action(s)</u> Designed to address your Academic Unit Goals	<u>Timeline</u> (State the target start/end dates for completion of each action, or indicate if the action is ongoing)
1. Achieve Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Quality Undergraduate and Graduate Programs 	1.1 Expand existing programming 1.2 New programs 1.3 Increase literacy, numeracy etc. 1.4 Reevaluate and expand Foundation in Health Studies	1.1 Majors in Biology, History, Political Science, Masters in Environmental Sustainability 1.2 Majors in Inquiry etc. at Bachelors & Masters levels 1.2.2 set up part Orillia, part TBay programs 1.3 WAC, Writing Centre 1.4 review of curriculum/requirements 1.5 review of curriculum/requirements	1.1 Biology: 2013 History: Ongoing Political Science: 2012-2013 MA/MSc/MASc in Environmental Sustainability: 2014 1.2 2012-2017 1.2.2 2012-2017 1.3 2012- Ongoing 1.4 Ongoing 1.5 Ongoing

	<p>1.5 Offer and populate more Science courses – greater balance between Arts and Science</p> <p>1.6 Criminology major</p> <p>1.7 Increase capacity for undergraduate research</p>	<p>1.6 Waiting for Ministry decision</p> <p>1.7 Expand library holdings, more lab facilities</p>	<p>1.6 2012- Ongoing</p> <p>1.7 Ongoing</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaged and Successful Students, Faculty and Staff 	<p>1.1 Create more coherent expectations for BAsC & HBAsC students</p> <p>1.2 Increase community engagement</p> <p>1.3 Engage Faculty</p> <p>1.4 Engage Alumni</p> <p>1.5 Increase Department and Campus coherence</p> <p>1.6 Increase number of Co-op programs</p> <p>1.7 Support faculty research</p>	<p>1.1 Office of Institutional Analysis survey focused on similar theme</p> <p>1.2 Community Service Learning and Co-op</p> <p>1.3 Involve more Faculty in campus events, promotions, recruitment etc.</p> <p>1.4 Work with Alumni Affairs – track students.</p> <p>1.5 More events, both academic and non-academic, set up yearly calendar for Faculty to take part in at least 1 event/year.</p> <p>1.6 Explore Co-op opportunities in Simcoe County through research partnerships</p> <p>1.7 Increased funding for research for faculty, increase library holdings and lab space, establish an</p>	<p>1.1 2012- Ongoing</p> <p>1.2 2012- Ongoing</p> <p>1.3 2012- Ongoing</p> <p>1.4 2012- Ongoing</p> <p>1.5 2012- Ongoing</p> <p>1.6 2012- Ongoing</p> <p>1.7 2012- Ongoing</p>

	<p>1.8 Create opportunities for Faculty-Student interaction</p> <p>1.9 Enhance external academic engagement</p> <p>1.10 Invite community participation in courses</p> <p>1.11 Increase student competency in Mathematics</p>	<p>Environmental Research Laboratory</p> <p>1.8 Increase number of seminar courses</p> <p>1.9 Increase funding for Guest lecturers/speakers</p> <p>1.10 Offer small scale certificate programs such as Certificate of Excellence (e.g in GIS)</p> <p>1.11 Math across the curriculum</p>	<p>1.8 2012-Ongoing</p> <p>1.9 2012-Ongoing</p> <p>1.10 2012-Ongoing</p> <p>1.11 2012-Ongoing</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intense Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity 	<p>1.1 Promote Research partnerships</p> <p>1.2 Increased funding for research for faculty</p>	<p>1.1 Interdisciplinary Research Centre – Research Centre for Sustainable Communities (ASAP) – 3 pillars: Environmental Sustainability, Social Justice, Political Economy</p> <p>Establish Environmental Research Laboratory and increase Graduate Research</p> <p>Establish Research Fair</p> <p>1.2 Create an Office of Research in Orillia</p> <p>1.3 increase funding for guest lecturers</p>	<p>1.1 2014</p> <p>1.2 2012-Ongoing</p> <p>1.3 2012-Ongoing</p>

	<p>1.3 Enhance external academic engagement</p> <p>1.4 encourage undergraduate research and research assistantships</p>	<p>1.4 Establish Environmental Research Laboratory</p>	<p>1.4 2012-Ongoing</p>
<p>2. Extend Community Engagement and Outreach</p>	<p>2.1 Increase presence in Orillia</p> <p>2.2 Continue HUM 101</p> <p>2.3 reinstate 3i series and continue SOS (Summer Of Sustainability) series</p>	<p>2.1 Set up Learning Café in Downtown Orillia</p> <p>2.2 extend HUM 101 over more terms.</p> <p>2.3 offer more lectures, roundtables, discussions geared towards the community.</p>	<p>2.1 2014</p> <p>2.2 One term ongoing – extension 2014</p> <p>2.3 2012</p>
<p>3. Strengthen our Commitment to Social Justice</p>	<p>3.1 Connect with Law School</p> <p>3.2 HUM 101</p> <p>3.3 Curriculum reflecting social justice content</p> <p>3.4 Summer of Sustainability Series (SOS)</p>	<p>3.1 Offer law courses, pre law</p> <p>3.2 Continue offering the program</p> <p>3.3 Expand curriculum reflecting social justice through existing programs</p> <p>3.4 Continue offering SOS series</p>	<p>3.1 Ongoing</p> <p>3.2 Ongoing</p> <p>3.3 Ongoing</p> <p>3.4 Ongoing</p>
<p>4. Enhance our Support of First Nations, Métis and Inuit (Aboriginal) Students</p>	<p>4.1 Have more Aboriginal content in our courses/curriculum and outreach</p>	<p>4.1 offer Aboriginal content “Across the Curriculum”</p> <p>4.1.1 Host an annual Pow Wow</p>	<p>4.1 2012-Ongoing</p> <p>4.1.1 Ongoing</p>

	<p>4.2 Increase dept. involvement in Aboriginal Initiatives</p> <p>4.3 Research collaboration with aboriginal communities/stakeholders</p> <p>4.4 Offer courses in Aboriginal Languages</p>	<p>4.2 Encourage students and faculty to attend aboriginal teachings</p> <p>4.3 consult with Aboriginal community more regularly regarding research interests and needs</p> <p>4.4 Promote Lakehead's capacity to teach Aboriginal Languages</p>	<p>4.2 2012-Ongoing</p> <p>4.3 2012-Ongoing</p> <p>4.4 2012-Ongoing</p>
5. Expand our International Reach	<p>5.1 Increase International exchange</p> <p>5.2 Recruit International Students</p> <p>5.3 engage students in International studies</p>	<p>5.1 Continue the activities of the IS International Exchange Committee</p> <p>5.2.1 Delegated faculty to accompany Lakehead's international recruitment campaign</p> <p>5.2.2 increase/expand graduate programs</p> <p>5.2.3 Create Summer Canadian Studies program.</p> <p>5.3 Offer information sessions on international studies/exchange programs</p>	<p>5.1 2012-Ongoing</p> <p>5.2.1 2012-Ongoing</p> <p>5.2.2 2011-Ongoing</p> <p>5.2.3 Ongoing</p> <p>5.3 Ongoing</p>

Projected Enrolment:

Program	Current	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Dept. Interdisciplinary Studies	643	718	793	868	894	922
Anthropology	16	16	17	17	18	18
Criminology*	40	43	46	49	52	55
English	58	63	69	75	82	89
Environmental Sustainability	20	21	22	23	24	25
Geography	29	30	31	32	33	35
Interdisciplinary Studies**	472	537	600	664	677	691
Media Studies	8	8	8	8	8	9

*The Criminology major is currently awaiting approval from the ministry. As a result, totals are not available for students in the criminology program. A conservative current estimate has been set at 40 students and the five-year projection for criminology is based on this figure.

**Based on past growth rates the estimated annual increase for the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies has been set at 75 students. After totals were calculated for Anthropology, English, Environmental Sustainability, Geography, Media studies and Criminology the remainder of the 75 was added to the Interdisciplinary Studies major.