

## Ariel University

### 1. Information:

The evaluator used the following documents:

- a. The evaluation committee's report of August, 2012
- b. Implementation report submitted by the institution on November, 2014
- c. Other documents (if there are any): CVs for new faculty members (Ben Shalom and Orkibi), a list of courses and corresponding teachers, and syllabi for 8 (apparently new) BA courses were submitted by Ariel University along with their implementation report

### 2. Did the institution implement the evaluation committee's recommendations?

<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Was the recommendation implemented? Yes/No/Partially</b>	<b>Is the implementation of this recommendation crucial for the study program to continue? Yes/no</b>	<b>Is there a need for further follow up before the next round of evaluation? Yes/no/partially</b>	<b>Notes</b>
The AUC should reconsider the organizational structure of sociology and anthropology study to reduce the overlap among departments in course offerings on these subjects.	Yes. The DSA has submitted a request to do this to the University	Yes	No	
Steps should be taken to introduce English language instruction and readings more deeply into the program in order to improve opportunities for graduates of the program.	Yes. 30% of all items for first year courses much be in English, and more than that for 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> year courses	Yes	No	
The DSA should increase its offerings of anthropology courses, and, in particular, add a course that examines a range of cultures outside of Israel.	Yes. The DSA has added at least 4 new anthropology courses; an Introduction to Cultural Anthropology course examines a range of cultures outside of Israel	Yes	No	

The DSA should increase the number of faculty who are involved full time in the program. This is necessary for maintaining stability over time in the organization of the program	Yes. The DSA has added 2 lecturers (an anthropologist and sociologist of rhetoric) and raised a political sociologist from a half-time to full-time position	Yes	No	
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3. Conclusions regarding the implementation of the recommendations. Please include operative recommendations for the continuation of the follow up to be implemented by the institution's administration, department, CHE, PBC, etc.

The Department has made considerable progress in implementing the recommendations of the evaluation committee. In addition, it has established a committee to make contact with graduates and a committee to develop strengths in the fields of communal and social change. They are also working to expand statistics offerings to students and on constructing a course in public opinion surveys. Finally, the evaluation committee felt that an MA program in sociology and anthropology at Ariel University is not warranted at this time; there is no evidence that any MA courses are being offered.

**General observations:**

This part should include your review on the effect of the process on the quality of the evaluated field in the higher education system Israel.

My observations address issues that are common to several, if not all, departments that were evaluated.

- The evaluation process stimulated each of the 8 Departments of Sociology and Anthropology to assess their strengths and weaknesses. The departments benefited from both from having to conduct a self-study and to respond to the evaluation committee's recommendations.
- The departments have generally made good progress in implementing the evaluation committee's recommendations. In a number of cases, though, the department has been hampered in addressing the recommendations due to budgetary constraints imposed by the University. For example, some departments have not been permitted them to hire needed faculty and thus to implement curricular changes (such as strengthening their statistical offerings or developing additional MA concentrations).
- There does not seem to have been any attempt to develop a cross-university consortium that would facilitate graduate study in anthropology. Several departments have been able to enhance their anthropological offerings, however.
- Inadequate library resources remain a problem for several departments.
- The expansion of applied programs at the graduate level remains a concern. Departments should continue to monitor these programs (especially those in

applied organizational studies) so as to balance academic goals with the desires for greater enrollments.