

IUPUI GAC Reviewer Form

Documents Reviewed: IUPUI, School of Liberal Arts, PhD in American Studies, Program Proposal

Summary of Proposal:

1. Are the goals clear and achievable?
2. Is the program academically sound?
3. Are faculty resources available to offer this program without undercutting other key missions of the unit?

The proposal draws on existing faculty resources within several academic units. The projected size of the program is unlikely to provide a substantial burden and just two new courses are proposed. The proposal does not give attention to how faculty would be affected by the additional out-of-class mentoring and work that is necessary to support a successful PhD (e.g, dissertation committees, field exam committees, etc.) or how this will be shared among the affiliated faculty.

4. Is there overlap, either real or potential, with any other unit that could harm the program or be exploited to help the program?

Programs in SPEA could help support the program and care should be taken to avoid overlap with existing programs in criminal justice, nonprofit management, public management and policy analysis. For example, there are existing PhD minors in Criminal Justice, Nonprofit Management, Policy Analysis, and Urban Sustainability within SPEA.

5. My recommendation, comments/concerns regarding this proposal