# Program Review Report

# Yuba Community College District

# YC - Philosophy & Humanities Program Recommendations

**Program Description:** The Humanities classes at Yuba College continue to be filled to capacity each semester, averaging 60-80 students per class for the introductory class. World Religion - Philosophy 20 classes also continue to grow each semester, currently with enrollments of approximately 70 students in each class. We are currently lacking a full-time Philosophy instructor, therefore have minimal offerings in this area. Humanities classes taught include: Humanities 10, 11, 20, and 31. Currently an adjunct instructor also teaches Humanities 10, 11 and Philosophy at Beale and/or on-line. Adjunct instructors teach Philosophy 1, 6, and 12 at Yuba College and at Beale or on-line.

**Year of Review:** 2012-2013

**Type of Review:** Annual Update

**Executive Summary:** We do have adequate adjuncts and lucky to have both of them. Both are recent graduate students who we hired to replace Abele.

The Critical Thinking course is one of the most popular in the philosophy department. This is why three courses have always been part of the full-time position course load in the past.

Again, it is the critical thinking skills which are enhanced by philosophy courses. These courses support the general education requirements for the college and make for excellent transfer courses.

Past program reviews have always demonstrated the need for a full-time position in this discipline. Again, if program reviews were one of the key documents for establishing hiring priorities at Yuba College we would have an automatic re-hire for this position. We remain the only one college in northern California without a full-time philosopher.

**Future Goals and Program Direction:** Hiring a fulltime Philosophy instructor

**Curriculum & SLO Assessment Summary :** slo's are currently being assessed

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| YC - Philosophy & Humanities Program Recommendations - Curriculum - If resources permit, offer additional sections of Humanities and Philosophy to serve the needs in this area of instruction.<br>**Year(s) Requested:**<br>2011-2012<br>**Request Date:**<br>01/31/2012<br>**Recommendation Priority:**<br>3. High Priority | **Plan of Action:**<br>Offer more courses in Humanities and Philosphy to meet needs of students.<br>**Type:**<br>Curriculum/SLO<br>**Budgetary Impact:**<br>Yes | | |
| YC - Philosophy & Humanities Program Recommendations - Staffing - Need to hire a full-time faculty member to teach | **Plan of Action:**<br>Hire full-time faculty member for Philosophy | | |

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| Philosophy and more staff is needed to teach Humanities as well.<br>**Year(s) Requested:**<br>2011-2012<br>**Request Date:**<br>01/31/2012<br>**Recommendation Priority:**<br>3. High Priority | and more adjunct faculty for Humanities.<br>**Type:**<br>Staffing - Faculty<br>**Budgetary Impact:**<br>Yes - Substantial<br>**Perkins Eligible:**<br>No | | |
| YC - Philosophy & Humanities Program Recommendations - Equipment/Technology - Equipment is sufficient for the program.<br>**Year(s) Requested:**<br>2012-2013<br>**Request Date:**<br>01/31/2012<br>**Recommendation Priority:**<br>1. Low Priority | | | |
| YC - Philosophy & Humanities Program Recommendations - Facilities -1 - Rooms are either too hot or too cold and waste energy resources - Temperature control is needed in buildings and classrooms.<br>**Year(s) Requested:**<br>2011-2012<br>**Request Date:**<br>01/31/2012<br>**Recommendation Priority:**<br>3. High Priority | **Plan of Action:**<br>Upgrade temperature control systems for classrooms<br>**Type:**<br>Facilities<br>**Budgetary Impact:**<br>Yes - But would save resources<br>**Perkins Eligible:**<br>No | | |
| YC - Philosophy & Humanities Program Recommendations - Facilities - 2 - Classrooms are in need of repair and updating. Classrooms need cleaning and upkeep. Classrooms need materials such as maps and emergency phone systems.<br>**Year(s) Requested:**<br>2011-2012<br>**Request Date:**<br>01/31/2012 | **Plan of Action:**<br>Repair and Update Classrooms, Hire more Custodial Staff to maintain classrooms, Install maps where appropriate and emergency phone systems in all rooms.<br>**Type:**<br>Facilities<br>**Budgetary Impact:**<br>Yes - Substantial<br>**Perkins Eligible:** | | |

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| **Recommendation Priority:**<br>3. High Priority | No | | |