

Florida Atlantic University

College of Arts and Letters
Comparative Studies PhD
Program Review
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Review Team

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and Letters at FAU. Dr. Aimee Aries, Associate Dean of Research and Creative Achievement

College of Arts and Letters, provided the reviewers with a study in advance of the visit. Additional

documentation for this program was provided during the site visit by Dr. Eric Berlatsky, Associate Dean

of Graduate Studies, Director of the Ph.D. Program in Comparative Studies. A detailed itinerary and

play logistical support for the virtual site visit (conducted via WebEx) provided by Ms.

Michelle Denier. During the virtual site visit the review team met with:

Dr. Scott Stackman, Dean, Graduate College

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Dr. Scarpinato, Senior Associate Vice President for Research

Dr. Eric Berlatsky, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, Director of the Ph.D. Program in Comparative

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Dr. John Bradford, former Director of the Ph.D. Program in Comparative Studies and now Dean, Graduate

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Comparative Studies Executive Committee faculty:

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be faculty members who receive at minimum one course release per year to help oversee course development and advising, as well as the selection of electives from the College of Arts and Letters and other colleges that students might take, depending on their track and area of emphasis. We encourage the program to include courses in the sciences, education, and other areas as potential electives for the Comparative Studies PhD.

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These faculty should be invited to help design the course syllabi, as per our recommendations above.

Q2: How might the PhD program increase its effectiveness in recruiting, especially given the nature of a comparative PhD degree?

The appointment of a full-time director and two associate directors would allow for more targeted

