

## **PROGRAM REVIEW: Executive Summary**

**DEPARTMENT      HHLPS (History, Humanities, Law  
Political Science)**

### **B. Summary of Current Program:**

**The HHLPS Department offers a unique contribution of History, Humanities, Law and Political Science. The curriculum offers a broad based program within the areas of the humanities and social sciences. Associate Degree majors are offered in history, humanities, and political science. Practically every student who is in the process of completing either an associate degree or transfer program must fulfill some requirements in American Institutions, humanities or social sciences within the department. Therefore, the department is one of the most broad based support departments on the campus, educationally servicing students from almost every program currently offered at Los Angeles Valley College.**

**To meet the needs of the students, the department hired a probationary faculty member in Political Science in Fall '00 and an Old World History faculty member in Fall 2005.**

**A list of present faculty members with a brief biography reflecting their academic preparation, relevant experience, areas of specialization, and professional development activities is included as part of the program review. The staffing pattern for the program, including full time and part time ratio is indicated.**

**All the facilities, special equipment and materials used by HHLPS meet the needs of the program.**

**Library and learning center personnel have been consulted to assess levels of support for the program. The learning center facilities are excellent to meet the needs of the students. Library materials are adequate to assist departmental and student's need is adequate but funding limits material needed.**

**As the student body increasingly reflects a multi-cultural mosaic, the HHLPS Department will continue to adapt to their needs.**

**The department has emphasized the use of computer technology as an aid to learning. As new instructors are hired their ability to contribute and enhance the use of new technologies as a learning aid will be an important consideration.**

**The HHLPS Department will continue to emphasize critical thinking and the writing of essays and term papers to improve student's skills and their ability to think and communicate. This will help them adapt to a rapidly changing world and, for those who transfer to a university, they will be better prepared to face the challenges of the upper division. It will also equip all students with the ability to understand their history and political system, past and present, as well as the importance of the study of humanities and their civil rights as enumerated in the constitution.**

**Whether or not students transfer to a university, whether or not they are majors in any of the four fields that comprise the HHLPS Department, The faculty will continue to teach students how to organize, analyze and evaluate material they will need in order to understand the world in which they live and be enlightened citizens.**